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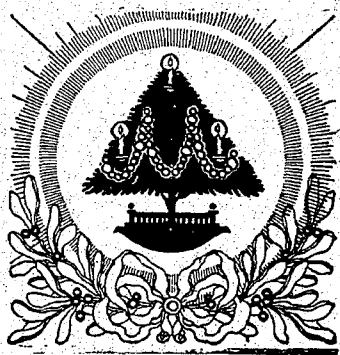
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AUTO DEALERS IN BIG CONVENTION

OVERLAND COMPANY ENTER-
TAIN DEALERS.About 7,500 Delegates From All
States Attend.

The Willys-Overland company of Toledo have been receiving a series of excursion parties, beginning December 2 and continuing to December 21. The parties are made up of Overland dealers.

It has been a big month for the Overland folks, in the way of social features, but through it all, business has been going on just as usual every day.

The excursionists came from all parts of the United States, every state contributing a large quota of representative dealers. Trains of from a dozen to twenty Pullman cars pulled into the big Toledo yards every day since December 4th.

The Michigan delegation was dated for December 15 and was represented from Grayling by L. J. Kraus and Claude Gilson and also Henry Joseph and Robert Marshall, with O. P. Schumann as an invited guest. The party arrived Friday morning and departed Saturday afternoon, having enjoyed the sights of one of the greatest industrial organizations of America.

Eight years ago, it is said, J. N. Willys began the organization of a company to manufacture autos, having personally about \$7,000 to his credit. The company, of which Mr. Willys is president and largest share holder is capitalized, according to reports at about seventy nine million dollars. That's "going some." The company had a rapid, steady and healthy growth but not without their share of difficulties.

It is said that at one time, more than 30,000 autos were returned to the company, as no good. Capital and brains remedied the mechanical difficulties of the cars and today this company is about to open the 1917 season with the greatest line of cars that has ever been presented to the people of America.

From the plain touring car to the most beautiful Willys-Knight Sedan with its quiet running motor—the Silent Knight, there are fully a dozen or more designs and as large a variety of prices, and the persons who cannot find just the car they are looking for from among their line it seems they would be pretty hard to please.

We are not writing an advertisement for the Overland line and can but incidentally talk "cars" in this article. Like all the Overland visitors at Toledo, the Grayling crowd was royally entertained and learned something of the 1917 line of cars, the plans of the management for the coming season and also of the wonderful magnitude of the Overland factories. They do not make quite as many cars each year as the Ford plant but their volume of business in dollars and cents is far in excess of Ford's.

The clerical department is now occupying a new two million dollar office building. This is complete in every detail and contains an auditorium that seats nearly 1,000 persons and a banquet room seating 800 people very comfortably.

The Simons' Sales company of Saginaw, who are the distributors for this territory, placed an order with the Overland company, while attending this convention, for 2,500 autos for delivery as soon as they are ready.

The big convention that has been steadily in progress since December 2, closes today, Thursday, with delegations from New York, southern Ohio and southern Indiana. It required thirty Pullman trains to bring in the delegations and it is estimated that there were fully 7,500 dealers that visited the Overland plants this month.

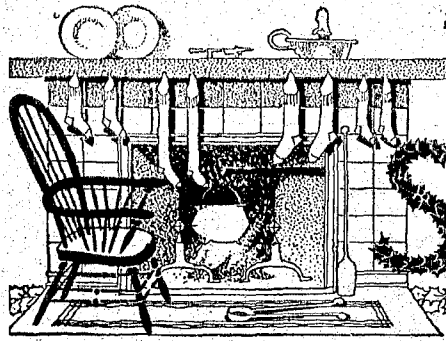
The Wrong Impression.

"The editor of the Avalanche evidently stands in very low esteem in the eyes of our brother publisher of the Lewiston Journal. Here is what the Journal says: 'Lewiston is slightly disfigured but is still on the map, notwithstanding the fact that the 'Grayling Liar' reports it wiped out.'"

The above item appeared in 'last week's issue of the Crawford County Avalanche and we wish to state that the item referred to was not meant as a slur at Bro. Schumann, but to the person or persons, who on Nov. 10th, the night of the fire in Lewiston, sent dispatches to the Detroit and Bay City papers greatly exaggerating the loss and stating that Lewiston was practically wiped off the map.

Now, for some reason unknown to us certain parties in Grayling have during the past couple of years, taken great pains to knock Lewiston at any and all times, early and late.

New settlers coming into this locality are told that they are foolish to come in here as the "town is dead and the country is no good," and during the summer, tourists coming to Lewiston are told there is no fishing here, both of which statements are absolute falsehoods, as we have more lakes well supplied with fish and are nearer the best streams (excepting the Au Sable river) than is Grayling, and this



YULETIDE SUGGESTIONS

The time for purchasing your holiday goods is here. You should be buying TODAY, getting the cream of the market at the same low prices that will prevail right down to Christmas eve, when the supply will be almost exhausted. We never change prices. They remain the same to all, until the last article is sold. Hence the wisdom of buying NOW, when you can take your pick of the lot.

These are Only a Few of the Many Good Things We Offer You:

Dress Goods

The wide range of staple and novelty dress goods in our stock makes suitable selection an easy matter for you.

We can always show the latest weaves and patterns in the popular colors, and can satisfy you both to quality and prices.

Stylish Waists

Discriminating buyers will find our assortment of Waists complete in every detail—in variety of styles, materials, sizes and colorings.

Creations of lace, crepe de chine, voile, etc., command your attention. You will find attractive designs in embroidered as well as plain patterns—and the prices will please you.

Dainty Lingerie

For ladies undergarments that combine beauty and daintiness with high quality and low prices our stock is unequalled.

We have an attractive showing of Corset Covers, Chemise, Combination Suits, Petticoats, Nightgowns, etc., of the latest designs and patterns, from which we are sure you can make a suitable selection.

Gloves for All

—For all members of the family as well as for all occasions—for dress affairs or for street wear.

Our stock comprises the finest silk, and kid gloves—the more moderate priced varieties—cotton gloves and all in the latest colors. Any kind you wish and at reasonable prices.

White Goods—Linens

How's your stock of napkins and table-cloths? We are offering some excellent values right now in mercerized napkins and bleached table-cloths.

We also have some extra good values in linen and cotton huck towels, bleached Turkish towels, toweling, plain and fancy bed spreads and bleached sheets. It will pay you to see us soon.



Neckwear

We can show you the same creations in Ladies' Neckwear that you would find in the large city stores.

They include everything from the finest lace or embroidery effects right down to plain white collars. Something stylish at any price you wish to pay.

Good Hosiery Values

The finest Silk Hosiery and the latest novelty combinations in the popular new shades are now offered here at attractive prices.

Of course we carry the standard guaranteed Cotton Hosiery as well as the serviceable Lisles in a variety of weights, colors and sizes. Hosiery for men and women, too.

House Dresses

Description cannot do justice to our exceptional values in House Dresses, Kimonos and Aprons. They must be seen to be appreciated.

We have everything in the latest styles—plain colors, checks, stripes, light and dark figures. Materials include ginghams, percales, lawns and chambrays—plain or embroidered. And the prices will suit you.

Handkerchiefs

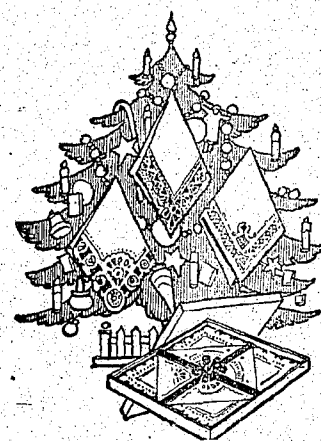
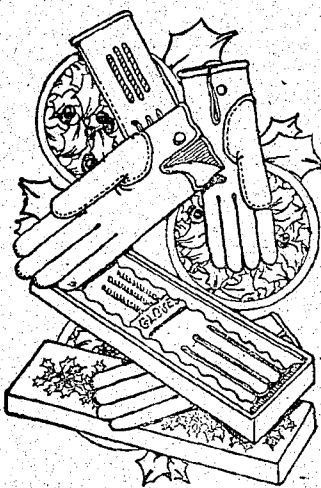
The desire to buy in dozen lots will occur to all who see our large stock of handkerchiefs for men, women and children.

We have some beautiful patterns in fancy lace effects, as well as the good serviceable plain lineups. Also many with border embroidery and initials in white and the various colors.

Men's Wearing Apparel

We have a handsome line of shirts, collars, underwear, hosiery, neckwear, hats and handkerchiefs, that will please the most particular man or young man. We have these in values ranging from the common work apparel to that for better dress occasions. The quality and price will suit you.

Some of the newest novelties in neckties await your inspection.



Shoes and Slippers

Our stock of shoes, slippers and other footwear is large. Some of the newest things in style and shades may be found here. Shoes for children as well as grown-ups. Rubber footwear for all purposes.

EMIL KRAUS

Grayling's Leading Dry Goods Store

BUY YOUR HARDWARE HERE

Why go elsewhere for your hardware when you can get anything you want right here?

Why wait days for your purchase to arrive when you can take it home with you by buying here?

Why buy something unseen when you can see before buying here?

We sell everything in hardware.

We make the prices right.

We guarantee everything we sell you.

SALLING, HANSON CO.

Hardware Department

locality, and in fact the entire county of Montmorency, is far ahead of Crawford from an agricultural standpoint and further Lewiston is not dead nor sleeping. True, the village has suffered by fire, but is not the only village in the state to suffer the same, and is not as lively as it once was, but that is not saying it is dead. The village is passing thru the same conditions as did West Branch, Gaylord, Standish, and other towns in Northern Michigan that were once lumbering towns. They survived. Why? Because they are located in good agricultural sections, and for the same reason Lewiston will not die.

We still have two good general stores, a good meat market and grocery, a bank, a fine hardware and implement store, a drug store, blacksmith shop, hotel, printing office, all doing a good business, several lodges, three church organizations, and the country around us is improving fast. The people of Lewiston have no desire to knock Grayling or any other town and cannot see why Grayling in particular, should use their little hammer on us at every opportunity. We believe in "living and let live."—Lewiston Journal.

PROFIT BY THIS.

Don't Waste Another Day.

When you are worried by backache; By lameness and urinary disorders—Don't experiment with an untried medicine.

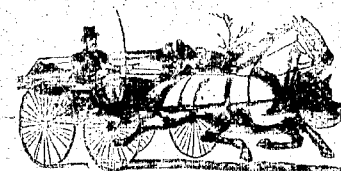
Follow Grayling people's example. Here's Grayling testimony.

Verify it if you wish:

Mrs. George Isenbauer, Peninsular St., Grayling, says: "I had quite a bit of trouble with my back and kidneys. Often my back ached dreadfully thru the small of it, until it nearly set me wild. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage, also. I have always found that Doan's Kidney pills, procured at Lewis' Drug store, have been sufficient to relieve me of an attack."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Isenbauer uses. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N.Y. adv.

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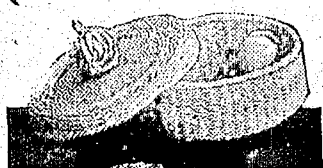
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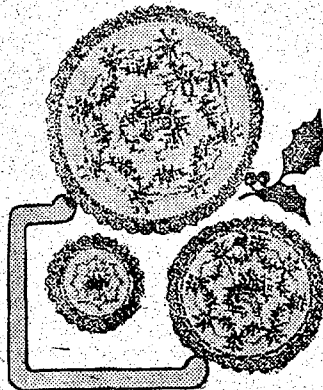
Work Basket and Tray



Paper rope is put to many uses, and any number of Christmas novelties are made of it. It is bought in bundles at the paper dealer's and woven over wire, and it may be had in several colors and white.

In the picture a work basket made of brown rope is shown with its lid removed. After the basket has been woven it is varnished with shellac. This is a gift every woman will love. A serving tray is made with a paper bottom covered with glass and sides and handles of brown paper rope woven over wire supports. A spray of yellow jonquills is pasted on the heavy cardboard bottom before the glass is placed over it. This is a good tray for almost any purpose.

Easily Made Lunch Set



A lunch or breakfast set of dollys is among the easily made gifts that will please every housewife. They are made of heavy printed cotton with floral patterns on white grounds or they may be cut from dainty patterns in flowered cretonne. Three or four sizes in circular pieces will serve to dress out the table prettily and they include one large piece about 18 inches in diameter for the center of the table. There are six smaller pieces, about seven inches in diameter and six little ones three and one-half inches in width. The smaller sizes are for the plates, and cups and saucers. Some sets contain four dollys a little larger than the plate size for other dishes.

All are finished with an edging crocheted of colored mercerized cotton. The edging may be made separately and sewed on afterward or it may be crocheted through the material. In any case a very narrow hem is to be turned down all around each dolly before the edging is put on.

Something for the Baby



The bath for the youngest member of the family is an institution that all of them enjoy, and nothing can be better in the way of a present for baby than a bath basket. A pretty one is pictured above. It is big enough to hold his outfit of clean clothes, and is fitted with all the things he needs for his bath and toilette.

Pink-and-white paper rope is woven over wire to make this basket, but a ready-made willow or bamboo will answer the purpose. Pink satin ribbon is threaded through the sides and ties in a bow under the handle at one side. Bags of pink satin ribbon are sewed about the basket on the inside to hold baby's toilette articles. One of them holds a soft sponge, another a box of talcum powder, a third takes care of a piece of fine bland soap, and opposite this his tiny comb and soft brush are held by bands of ribbon. Even a teething ring finds a place in this equipment.

Wide, soft satin ribbon, or gauze ribbon like the pink in the basket in color, is tied in a generous bow to each side of the handle and the bows are joined by a length of it. They make a beautiful finish to the best of presents for baby.

Nervous Women.

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

Toys for a penny, nickel or dime. No reasons for being without Christmas gifts. Visit our store. Sorenson Bros.

FROM ALL OVER

California has 671,336 women eligible to vote.

Russia has several woman engineers and architects.

Wheat binders in the Kansas fields are being operated by women.

Monday has been designated as official wash day in Swansea, Ill.

Rubber flowers have been invented to be worn on women's bathing suits.

A movement has been started in London for the conscription of women.

Women now constitute 47 per cent of the total number of employees in France.

Kansas City has a park which is for the exclusive use of women for recreation.

Yale university now admits a limited number of woman students to its school of medicine.

The United States war department is badly in need of nurses to go to the Mexican border.

Miss Lucille Pugh earns over \$20,000 yearly in New York city, where she is a practicing attorney.

The 40,000 woman employees of the ammunition factories in Germany have been put on an eight-hour day.

The Independent Order of Free Sons of Israel will hold a special convention so as to permit women to be members.

A Spokane (Wash.) woman has suggested that the milkmen of that city be compelled to wear rubber heels.

Many British employers are now co-operating with the government in their effort to increase women employees.

Mrs. Charles E. Hughes is accompanying her husband on his presidential campaign tour. She is an experienced traveler.

Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilks, daughter of the late Betty Green and heir to half of her mother's enormous estate, lives a simple life and shuns society.

Hathaway says—Make it jewelry. Many nice things at old prices.

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Don't be found in the hard luck class, when a few dollars will give you complete protection against fire. We represent the best companies in the country, and there is neither trouble nor waiting in collecting the amount of the policy. Talk to us now.

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Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.
In the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, In Chancery.
Myrta Strandberg, plaintiff.

Edwin Strandberg, defendant.
In this cause, it appearing by affidavit on file that the defendant, Edwin Strandberg, is a resident of this state, and that a summons to appear and answer has been duly issued in this cause, but could not be served upon the said Edwin Strandberg by reason of his discontinued absence from this state:

On motion of Glen Smith, attorney for the said plaintiff, it is ordered that the appearance of the said defendant, Edwin Strandberg, be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this order; and that in case of his appearance, that he cause his answer to the bill of complaint to be filed and a copy thereof served on the attorney for the plaintiff within fifteen days after service on him or his attorney of a copy of the said bill, and in default thereof that said bill be taken as confessed by the said defendant, Edwin Strandberg.

And it is further ordered, that the said plaintiff cause this order to be published in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said county, and that such publication be commenced within twenty days from the date of this order, and that such publication be continued therein once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that the said plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be personally served on the said defendant, Edwin Strandberg, at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance.

Dated December 14th, 1916.
NELSON SHARPE,
Circuit Judge.

Examined, countersigned and entered by me: JOHN J. NEDEBEEK,
Clerk.

GLEN SMITH,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Business address, Grayling, Mich.
12-21-6

Notice.

We are making a special \$1.75 offer of a year's subscription to The Avalanche and to four standard magazines. This offer is open to all new or old subscribers. By subscribing to The Avalanche now you get \$1.35 worth of magazines for only 25c extra. The magazines are all high class and will make a valuable addition to the library of any home. We want to call your attention also to the free dress pattern that is given to each subscriber.

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In effect Sept. 24, 1916.

Read Down.				Read Up.			
A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
18.00	12.25	12.25	11.59	11.59	11.40	11.40	11.20
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11.40	3.55	3.55	3.26	3.26	3.02	3.02	2.34
1.00	4.31	4.31	4.02	4.02	3.38	3.38	3.14
1.35	4.46	4.46	4.17	4.17	3.53	3.53	3.29
1.55	4.59	4.59	4.30	4.30	4.05	4.05	3.41
2.05	5.09	5.09	4.40	4.40	4.15	4.15	3.51
2.15	5.19	5.19	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.25	3.61
2.25	5.29	5.29	5.00	5.00	4.35	4.35	3.71
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3.15	5.79	5.79	5.50	5.50	4.85	4.85	4.21
3.25	5.89	5.89	5.60	5.60	4.95	4.95	4.31
3.35	5.99	5.99	5.70	5.70	5.05	5.05	4.41
3.45	6.09	6.09	5.80	5.80	5.15	5.15	4.51
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A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
17.25	13.00	13.00	12.20	12.20	11.40	11.40	10.60
8.11	3.47	3.47	3.18	3.18	2.38	2.38	2.09
8.25	3.47	3.47	3.32	3.32	2.52	2.52	2.23
8.43	4.22	4.22	4.06	4.06	3.26	3.26	2.97
9.23	4.53	4.53	4.37	4.37	3.57	3.57	3.28
9.31	5.01	5.01	4.45	4.45	3.65	3.65	3.36
9.53	5.05	5.05	4.69	4.69	3.89	3.89	3.60
9.59	5.21	5.21	4.85	4.85	4.05	4.05	3.76
10.15	5.35	5.35	5.00	5.00	4.20	4.20	3.91

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6	Toothache, Faceache, Neuralgia.	25
7	Headache, Sick Headache, Vertigo.	25
8	Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Weak Stomach.	25
9	Croup, Hoarse Cough, Laryngitis.	25
10	Eczema, Eruptions.	25
11	Rheumatism, Lumbago.	25
12	Pain and Ague, Malaria.	25
13	Piles, Blind or Bleeding, External, Internal.	25
14	Cataract, Influenza, Cold in Head.	25
15	Whooping Cough.	25
16	Asthma, Oppressed Breathing.	25
17	Disorders of the Kidneys.	25
18	Urinary Inconvenience.	25
19	Sore Throat, Gland.	25
20	Crip, Grippe, La Grippe.	25

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You've heard many an earful about the Prince Albert patented process that cuts out bite and parch and lets you smoke your fill without a comeback! Stake your bank roll that it proves out every hour of the day. Prince Albert has always been sold without coupons or premiums. We prefer to give quality!

There's sport smoking a pipe or rolling your own, but you know that you've got to have the right tobacco! We tell you Prince Albert will bang the doors wide open for you to come in on a good time firing up every little so often, without a

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who knows what can be gotten out of a chummy jimmy pipe or a makin's cigarette with Prince Albert for "packing"!

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Winston-Salem, N. C.

This is the reverse side of the tidy red tin.

THE Prince Albert tin, red, and in fact, every Prince Albert package, has a real message to you on its reverse side. You'll find it—Process Patented July 28th, 1907. That means that the United States Government has granted a patent on the process by which Prince Albert is made. And by which tongue bite and throat parch are cut out! Every Prince Albert cigarette you find in today's red bags, so tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tin tins, 25c; that clever crystalline cigarette case, 50c; the sponge-moistener tin, that keeps the tobacco in such fine condition—always!

Whenever a Big Laugh goes up on Broadway

YOU can take it home with you. There's fun as well as music on Columbia Records, and the newest laugh—story or song (or both)—is sure to be found at Columbia dealers.

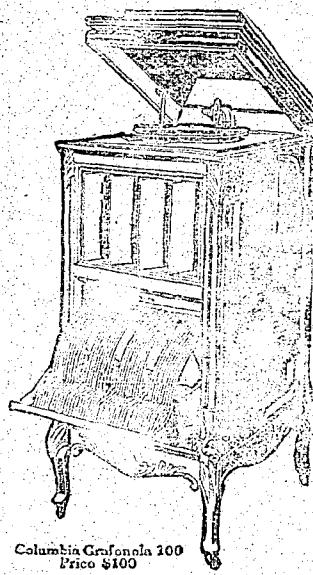
As soon as Al Jolson, Bert Williams, Frank Tinney, Weber & Fields or Irene Franklin—or Nat Wills or Raymond Hitchcock comes out with a hit that's a hit, there will be a Columbia Record of that same hit by that same artist—*that quick!*

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- A1873** RED HEAD. Irene Franklin, Soprano.
75c. ALL WEEKS (The Wall of a Chorus Lady). Irene Franklin, Soprano.

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SOLVE BLACK BASS MYSTERY

Frogs Picked in Alcohol, Used for Bait, Muddle Fish and Make Them Easy to Catch.

The big black bass mystery has been solved. It is now just as clear as the water in Long pond. The problem has been in the pickled bait. All summer persons who never caught a fish before in their lives have been bringing in big strings of black bass from Long pond; on the other hand, experienced fishermen have had poor luck, being unable to land more than a two-pound specimen, writes a Pleasant Lake (Mass.) correspondent of the New York Herald.

Further than this, fish have been leaping out of the water onto the beach, turning somersaults and doing other remarkable stunts which ordinary fish are not supposed to do.

It appears that a firm of clothiers of Haverhill Center carry a large assortment of fishing tackle as a side line. Their assortment, by the way, includes everything from lead sinkers, live for a penny, to silver-plated reels at \$5 each.

These clothiers also carry—listen carefully—frogs preserved in alcohol! And there has been a big demand for this pickled stuff for bait, according to Horace Atkins, one of the clerks. The would-be sportsmen have bitten at it even better than the bass.

The bait comes in small glass jars. It is said that when a hook is cast overboard baited with one of these delicate alcohol-soaked morsels the fish bump each other in their mad effort to get a bit.

And the sad part of it is, all this time poor, experienced fishermen up in Long pond have been paying high prices for live shrimps, minnows, chublets, grasshoppers and beetles. The pickled frogs' legs sell for about 35 cents a jar, while the other bait brings a dollar or more a quart.

AMUSING ERROR OF PRINTER

Letter Heads of Electric Company Made to Read, "United States Electric Lighting Company."

Sir Hiram Maxim, in his recently published autobiography, says that when he organized the United States Electric Lighting company its stationery came from the printer with the head, "The United States Electric Lighting Company." Later, in England, he told of this mistake to emphasize the importance of getting the stationery for his new gun company printed correctly. When the first sheets came to him, however, the English printers had made his concern appear as "The Maxim Gun company."

Well Answered.

Every small town has its prominent citizen who appears before the city fathers and "talks right out in meeting." Not every town, however, has among its councilors a member with sufficient moral backbone to answer back, as did John Hammer of a Western town whose name is of no consequence. Concluding his arraignment, the prominent citizen hurled this thunderbolt at the board: "I'd sooner put up as a candidate for a lunatic asylum than put up for the town council." "Well, you'd stand a much better chance of getting in," dryly responded Mr. Hammer.

An India Product.

The origin of the peacock was in India and Ceylon, and this is why we see so frequently the bird on the art objects of these countries. Peacock shooting is still a recognized sport in some parts of India, but its former popularity as a table delicacy has ceased, though the flesh is white and is said to resemble a pheasant in flavor. The eggs are also edible. For the production of the feathers these birds are bred in France, but to a small extent, as they are difficult to rear, because in a big area they wander off and if inclosed within narrow limits they become mischievous.

The Main Question.

"Clarence," said the American heiress, hesitatingly, "I think that you should be told at once how my father made his money. Our business men in this country have methods which to one of your pure soul cannot but—" "Cease, Mamie, cease," said the young lord, reassuringly, "tell me no more. However he made his millions I can forgive, for your sake. But—er—has he still got them all right?"—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Privileged Classes.

A cockney angler, thinking that his Highland boatman was not treating him with the respect due to his station, expostulated thus: "Look here, my good man, you don't seem to grasp who I am. Do you know that my family have been entitled to bear arms for the last 200 years?" "Hoos, that's nothing!" was the reply. "My ancestors have been entitled to bare legs for the last 2,000 years."—Youth's Companion.

A Theory.

"Why are meat and eggs so expensive?" "Possibly," replied the man who thinks it's his duty to answer every question, "because they're among the few articles of food that can't be imitated in a factory."

The Special Way.

"Talking about ships and men—" "Well?" "When opposing ships meet they halt. When opposing men meet they storm."

"The Battle Cry of Peace," a nine reel photo play will be presented at the Opera House on Christmas day, next Monday. There will be two performances, one a matinee, will commence at 2:30 o'clock, in the afternoon. The evening performance will start at the usual time. The play features as its star, Mr. Chas. Richmond. No one should fail to see this. Reserved seats are on sale at the Central Drug Store. Prices of admission are 15, 25, and 35 cents.

COAST 11,511 MILES LONG

Sailors Engaged in Philippine Coastwise Trade Cannot "Get Home to Dinner."

Deep-sea sailors used to lunge at their brother mariners of the coastwise trade, and refer to them as men who "like to go to sea when they could get home to dinner." This gibe would have little point in the Philippines, the coast line of which has been found to measure more than 11,500 miles—to be exact, 11,511 statute miles. In the Philippines there is one mile of coast to every ten miles of area, the total area of the islands be-

HEROES ARE SADLY LACKING

Few Generals Are Mentioned in Stories of Conflict in Europe—Army Is Like Machine.

Most amazing of all the wonderful things about this war is the extremely few names of generals we ever hear about, writes Girard in the Philadelphia Ledger.

One Italian, a couple of English, two or three Frenchmen, four Germans and the same number of Russians, and not one Turk. That makes up the list after two years of fighting and with 25,000,000 soldiers under arms.

The vast armies are moved like ma-

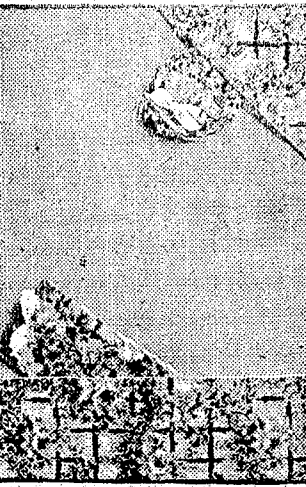
LIVED UNDER SIX SOVEREIGNS

Aged Resident of New Brunswick Ascribed Long Life to His Activity and Early Retiring.

After posing for his picture on his one hundredth and fifth birthday anniversary, Levi W. Richardson, said to be the oldest man in New Brunswick, died before he had fairly started his one hundredth and sixth year. He had been ill for only about ten days.

Mr. Richardson ascribed his long life and remarkable preservation of his faculties to going to bed early and being active.

For the Bedroom Desk

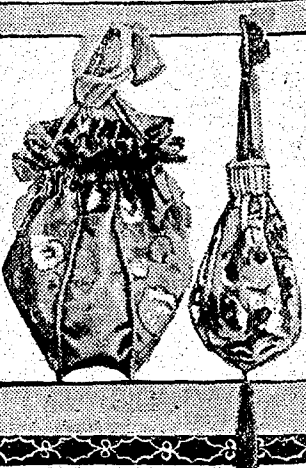


An attractive desk set, for either men or women, is made of heavy paper and cretonne.

The desk pad is made of an oblong of heavy colored paper. The pockets at the end are made of the same paper, with a covering of cretonne pasted over it. The cretonne turns over the edges and extends a quarter of an inch on the under side. At the ends of the long pocket it turns over the edge of the pad and is pasted down. Then the pad is glued to a heavy piece of cardboard of the same size.

A blotter is made of the heavy colored paper, covered with cretonne, and blotters are tied to this cover with narrow ribbon. A small round penholder is made in the same way, with the cover tied to circular pieces of flannel by a small bow of ribbon.

Bags for Everything



There are bags for everything this Christmas, with vanity bags and opera bags and shopping bags made of the richest brocades and ribbons and metallic laces.

A party bag and a shopping bag are shown above, and the party bag is made of plain and figured ribbon set together with corded seams. This bag is lined with silk. It is gathered near the top on a narrow satin ribbon run in a casing formed by two rows of stitching in the bag. There are bows of the narrow ribbon at each side, and the bag is suspended by it.

A handsome shopping bag is made of heavy purple satin ribbon brocaded with purple velvet and silver flowers. It opens with a "gate" fastening at the top, in silver, and is suspended by narrow purple satin ribbon. A handsome silver tassel finishes it.

Sure to Please Grandma



What to give to grandma is the question that puzzles young heads at Christmas times.

Here is a little tea cozy which is sure of a welcome from grandma, and it is the simplest thing imaginable to make. Printed Japanese silk or silk-alene or cretonne will serve the purpose with equally good results, and it takes very little of any one of these materials, even for the largest size in teapots.

This cozy is made of four sections of figured silk sewed together to form the outside, and four similar sections of plain silk or other materials sewed together to form the lining. When the lining has been made, it is covered with a thick layer of cotton batting tacked down to it in several places and the cover is slipped on over it. Then the raw edges of both materials are turned up and overcast together. A very full bow of many loops of bright satin ribbon is sewed to the top.

The gayest and brightest of colors make the tea cozy a cheerful part of tea drinking. It slips on over the pot and keeps the tea hot for a long time.

Notice.

We are making a special \$1.75 offer of a year's subscription to The Avalanche and to four standard magazines. This offer is open to all new or old subscribers. By subscribing to The Avalanche now you get \$1.35 worth of magazines for only 25c extra. The magazines are all high class and will make a valuable addition to the library of any home. We want to call your attention also to the free dress pattern that is given to each subscriber.



ing 115,023 square statute miles.

These figures are interesting when it is considered that the ratio in the United States is 22 square miles of area to one mile of coast line. The figures for the United States have reference to the coast line of the main part of the country, including islands lying near the coast, but not including non-contiguous territory such as Alaska and Porto Rico. The coast line of the United States so measured, with what the experts call "three-mile steps" is 13,023 miles, less than 2,000 miles in excess of the coast line of our eastern possessions.

"FIASCO" IS ITALIAN TERM

Believed to Have Originated When Actor Failed to Score in Delivery of Favorite Soliloquy.

Among Italians, a correspondent in Rome tells me, the origin of the term "fiasco" for failure is believed to have originated in the remark of an old Italian actor, says a writer in the London Chronicle. He had in the course of a play to deliver a somewhat lengthy monologue, in which he invariably scored a great success. It was his habit to always hold some object or other in his hand, changing the article every time he appeared, and never using the same thing twice.

One evening, seeing a wine bottle (called in Italian fiasco), he seized it and proceeded on the stage to pronounce his soliloquy. Whether it was that on that occasion the audience was extraordinarily difficult to please or whether it was that the actor was not up to his usual form, the fact remains that for once he did not obtain his customary applause and "bis," from which time the phrase "fare fiasco" has become general in the Italian language.

From a Church Calendar.

The following appeared in a Pittsfield, Mass., church calendar recently: "The church is not a refrigerator for preserving perishable piety. It is a dynamo for charging human wills. The object of the church is not to tell how to dodge difficulties; but to furnish strength and courage to meet and master them. The business of the church is not to furnish hammocks for the lazy. It is rather to offer well-fitting yokes for drawing life's loads. The man who does not attend any church virtually votes to do away with all churches."

Big Toad in Little Puddle.

Shortly after Will Crooks, the labor leader, was elected to parliament he took his little daughter to Westminster. She was evidently awed at the splendors round her, and maintained a profound and wondering silence all the time. Mr. Crooks was much impressed.

"Well," said he to her at last, "what are you thinking so deeply about, dear?"

"I was thinking, daddy," answered the little girl, "that you're a big man in our kitchen, but you aren't very much here."

Boy Scout books for 10 cents at Sorenson Bros.

cinnes. Hardly a reputation for any individual anywhere.

What a different story in Napoleon's day! He made four kings, a viceroy, a crown prince, five other princes and twenty-one dukes.

The names of some of his marshals are almost as well known as that of Bonaparte himself. So, too, in our revolution.

"Washington and His Generals" is the name of a once popular book, and the generals are known to millions of schoolchildren—Greene, Wayne, Putnam, Knox and Lee.

The South as well as the North had lots of heroes in the '60s—Lee, Jackson, Johnson, Bragg, Beauregard, Stuart, Hill, Pickett, and Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, Meade, Thomas, Hancock and a host of others, almost as much talked about as the supreme commanders themselves.

But this is a war minus heroes, and that is the worst part of it, because hero-making was about the best a war ever did.

And he followed the operations of the war with the most careful attention, and his only ambition for the last year, says the Mutual Star, had been to live long enough to see Great Britain and its allies successful, for he had lived under six sovereigns and had watched with interest the expansion of the empire.

More than 80 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him.

What He Left Mother.

"Your father was pretty rich when he died, wasn't he?" asked the young man in search of an heir.

"Oh, yes!" replied the world-wise maiden.

"Did he leave your mother much?"

"About twice a week."—London Answers.

New Street Sprinkler.

An English city is experimenting with a steam-driven street sprinkling cart, the tank of which holds 1,000 gallons of water.



To Our Customers:

With the approach of the Christmas holiday season of 1916, I wish to take opportunity of thanking our many customers for the liberal patronage extended to us during the year just drawing to a close. It is indeed with feeling of deep gratitude we realize that our success is not so much the result of our personal endeavor as it is the continued patronage of our many friends and customers.

It is, therefore, with the utmost sincerity we grasp this opportunity to express our thanks and gratitude and to extend to each and every one our heartiest and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and may the dawn of the New Year light your path to Happiness and Prosperity.

Sincerely,

H. Petersen

Grayling, Michigan

The Grocer

Notice.

We wish to call especial attention to the club of magazines advertised in connection with our paper. This is by far the biggest magazine bargain that we have ever offered our readers. And as a hint to the wise, we suggest that you avail yourself of it at once, since we have already been advised by the publishers that on account of the tremendous increase in the cost of white paper the regular subscription price of these magazines will be increased in the near future. Send in your order now and get a double bargain.

Danger Signal.

If the fire bell should ring would you run and stop it or go and help to put out the fire? It is much the same way with a cough. A cough is a danger signal as much as a fire bell. You should no more try to suppress it than to stop a fire bell when it is ringing, but should cure the disease that causes the coughing. This can nearly always be done by taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Many have used it with the most beneficial results. It is especially valuable for the persistent cough that so often follows a bad cold or an attack of the grip. Mrs. Thomas Beeching, Andrews, Ind., writes: "During the winter my husband takes cold easily and coughs and coughs. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine for breaking up these attacks and you cannot get him to take any other." Obtainable everywhere.

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Mortgage Sale.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage, made by Fred Esmen and Mary Esmen, his wife, of Wellington, Crawford County, Michigan, to Orlando F. Barnes of Lansing, Michigan, dated the twelfth day of July, A. D. 1913, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1915, in Liber H of mortgages on page 190, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of One hundred eighty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents, and an Attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars, provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof;

Now, Therefore, By virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 6th day of March A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, I shall sell at Public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court house in the Village of Grayling, County of Crawford, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for said County of Crawford is held), the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with seven per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with an Attorney's fee of Twenty-five dollars, as provided by said mortgage, as provided therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as follows, to wit:

The Southwest quarter of the North-east quarter (SW. 1/4 of NE. 1/4) of Section one (1) in township twenty-five (25) north of range four (4) west containing forty (40) acres of land more or less, according to the returns of the Surveyor General.

ORLANDO F. BARNES, Attorney for Mortgagee. Business address: Grayling, Mich. 12-7-13

Grayling Opera House

The Battle Cry of Peace

Christmas Day

Afternoon and Evening

This wonderful nine (9) reel Photoplay supreme will be one of the best ever presented to the Grayling public and is one feature that no one could afford to miss.

Owing to the length of this feature we will be able to run just one show in the evening and one show in the afternoon, the matinee starting at 2:30 o'clock.

Reserved Seats

Reserved seats will be on sale at the Central Drug Store.

Admission 15, 25 and 35c.

DRYS SET LIMIT QUART A MONTH

Prepare Bills to Regulate Ship-
ment of Liquor Into
State.

NEW OFFICIAL IS PROPOSED

Plans Provide for Commissioner of
Prohibition to Have Charge of
Enforcement of the State
Wide Law.

Lansing.—One quart of whisky, or one gallon of wine, or one case of beer or of malt liquor a month will be the legal portion of Michiganans after June 1, 1918, if the plans of the drys, as outlined at a meeting of attorneys here, go through the legislature.

Two important points in the proposed legislation settled were the limit on shipments and a plan to create a commissioner of prohibition who is to see to it that the liquor laws are enforced.

There was considerable discussion among the attorneys whether the adoption of the amendment meant that the use of liquor was to be prohibited or merely that the brewery and the saloon, or, as the amendment puts it, "the manufacture, sale, bartering for sale or giving away," were to go. Some thought that the state should be completely dried up and that all shipments should be absolutely stopped, while others were of a contrary opinion.

Attorney Wayne B. Wheeler, representing the Antislavery League of America, interposed just long enough to say that even with the most favorable decision on the Webb-Kenyon bill by the United States Supreme court, all a state could do was to limit the quantity in shipments. It could not, he said, under the Webb-Kenyon bill and the Michigan amendment, absolutely stop such shipments. It was found that the laws now in force in Virginia could best be adapted to Michigan.

The commissioner of prohibition, while he is to be in charge of the prosecution of violators of the liquor laws, is to work through the attorney general's office, according to present plans. It is not the intention, Attorney Edwin Rawden said, to load down the state with a new job and a lot of assistants. A deputy commissioner will be included, but the county sheriffs are expected to do the rest of the work. The commissioner is to have the power to go over the head of a prosecuting attorney, if necessary, but all his legal assistance is to come from the attorney general.

No Result From Rail Quiz

The only results of the Michigan railway commission hearing on the car shortage was to gather data for the interstate commerce commission and clear up several misconceptions. As the coal business is interstate commerce, the state board found it had no power.

Despite the hundreds of pages of testimony taken in the two days from railroad men, board of commerce traffic experts and brokers, the only constructive remedy came from the railroads which are advocating an increase in reconnection charges. This is a blow at brokers who buy coal from the mines and later order its distribution. They can hold the cars indefinitely by paying demurrage charges and New York Central records showed brokers had held cars 35 days in Detroit.

This year's freight congestion was caused through fear of a strike, according to the rail men, who also claimed that embargoes were essential in relieving Detroit congestion. The Michigan Central has a track capacity of 4,000 more cars than last year in Detroit, and claims congestion is not as bad as it was in 1912.

All railroads claimed they have sufficient motor facilities to move the freight if cars are released promptly. The Michigan Central has 123 switching crews in Detroit, but collects \$23,000 monthly demurrage charges. The Detroit yards of the Pere Marquette yield \$9,000 demurrage monthly, but rolling stock in hauling service would bring the roads much more revenue.

The Washburn railroad representatives testified they hold 903 cars for Detroit which they cannot deliver owing to Grand Trunk embargoes. They have some 500 cars of coal, of which 228 are for 23 Detroit brokers.

Tuberculosis Common in Jails.
The county jails of Michigan are full of cases of tuberculosis, according to the figures given by the tuberculosis survey experts who have just finished tabulating figures compiled from their inspection of ten county jails.

In the ten jails they found that 27.6 of the inmates either have the disease in a positive or suspicious form. Not

H. C. of Living Hits Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor.—The board of water commissioners was swatted by the H. C. of L. when it let a contract for 1,305 tons of 16-inch pipe at an increased cost over the price a year ago of \$19,118.25.

Bandits Rob Jackson Store.

Jackson.—John E. Baker was held up at the point of a revolver and robbed in his meat market by two men. The thieves getting \$40 in cash and a check for \$10 from the register.

Engine Hits Birmingham Man.

Birmingham.—Charles Weggott, sixty-six years old, plasterer, whose home is in Oxford, but who has been boarding here, was struck by a Grand Trunk engine while trying on the track two miles south of Birmingham. The pilot tossed him into the ditch. Two ribs were broken.

Grand Rapids Armory Ready.

Grand Rapids.—The new National Guard armory here was turned over to the state at a meeting of the state military board in this city.

a single one of these cases had been reported by anybody to the state board of health as is required by the state laws, nor did any of those afflicted know they had the disease or were even suspicious of it.

The inspection of the ten jails took in 152 inmates, all of whom were thoroughly examined. Of this number 18 were found to have the disease so decidedly that they were listed as "positive" cases, nine were listed as "suspicious" cases, nine as "arrested" cases, while the diagnosis of 101 cases was decidedly "negative."

The figures for the ten counties follow:

	Pos.	Sus.	Ar.	Neg.	Tot.
St. Clair	1	0	0	23	24
Kalamazoo	1	0	0	19	20
Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Genesee	1	0	0	16	17
Saginaw	1	0	0	14	15
Jackson	1	0	0	2	3
Washtenaw	1	0	0	4	5
Sanilac	0	0	0	0	0
Houghton	0	0	0	8	8
Totals	18	9	9	101	157

Commenting on the fact that none of those afflicted actually knew they had the disease, Dr. William De Kleins, the head of the survey, said:

"The average county jail inmate is not characterized by high intelligence. The hard-working laboring man and people of that class seldom land in the county jail.

"The first and obvious duty of each county, in view of the large number of cases discovered in the county jails, is to make its jail building absolutely safe, so that the spread of the disease is not encouraged there."

Haarer Favors Budget.

That a system which makes the secretary of state, state treasurer and superintendent of public instruction responsible for the auditing of bills against the state is inconsistent and awkward, is the contention of retiring State Treasurer J. W. Haarer. The treasurer believes that heads of departments should be held responsible for the correctness of the bills of employees under them and that such work as naturally comes under the jurisdiction of an auditor should be cared for in the office of the auditor general. Under existing laws part of the accounts against the state are generally passed upon by the auditor general and part of them by the state board of auditors, with no logical line of demarcation.

"Why should the board of state auditors have to say how much a state employee's expenses should be?" asks the treasurer.

"Under the budget system every department head would be responsible for the administration of the fund appropriated to him. He would save expenditures personally, and if an employee was padding his accounts the department head would find it out."

Eat Alfalfa, Helme's Advice.

Eat a little more alfalfa hay ground into alfalfa flour is the advice of James W. Helme, state dairy and food commissioner, to boycotters of butter and eggs.

The state dairy and food commissioner explained that Professor McCollum of the University of Wisconsin, after many experiments with feeding white rats, found that the only food which took the place of the fat found in butter and eggs was alfalfa. Even other fats, such as lard, tallow or the vegetable fats, including olive oil or cottonseed, would not take the place of the fats of butter and eggs.

Professor McCollum found that during 90 days the rats fed on various grains grew about half the normal rate and then stopped growing altogether.

Fellows' Opinion Favors Bacon.

Attorney General Grant Fellows has given an opinion to Secretary of State Vaughan that the state board of canvassers must accept the totals returned by the board of county canvassers in the Beakes-Bacon fight, in Jackson county, a part of the Second congressional district. This upholds the county canvassers in accepting the figures of the city board, but does not preclude a recount in the city precincts.

The returns of the Jackson county canvassers would make Bacon's plurality in the district 37, while if the disputed votes were counted Beakes would have a plurality of 44 votes.

Asks Help for Guardsmen.

Governor Ferris has addressed a letter to the mayors of cities having National Guard companies, urging them to name committees, with the mayor as chairman, to assist the Guardsmen in handling business deals negotiated before the men were called to the border. "This committee could be of valuable service in seeing that the soldiers do not lose financially on any business propositions, such as purchasing furniture or property on installment payments, payments on insurance policies, loss of union cards, etc."

Cunningham Heads Rail Board.

Commissioner Charles S. Cunningham of Detroit was elected chairman of the state railroad commission when David H. Crowley qualified as a member of the commission to succeed Lawton T. Hemans.

New Corporations.

Beneficial Finance company, Detroit, \$50,000; Charles G. Milner, Theodore H. Perry, Emil J. Schroeder.

Union Co-operative Bakery, Detroit, \$15,000; Adam Albiniski, W. L. Wladislaw Kucharski, Simon Czapaka.

R. E. Hamilton & Sons, Detroit, \$30,000.

Thomas C. Hamilton, Webster I. Hallie, William G. Hamilton, Highland Park Mineral company, Highland Park, \$5,000.

Franklin Street Land company, Detroit, \$12,500.

Gran Rapids Grinding Machine company, Grand Rapids, \$25,000.

The Schulte Mulleney Sales company, Detroit, \$125,000; Peter W. Schulte, William P. Schulte, Joseph E. Mulleney.

Reliable Realty company, Lansing, \$15,000.

Fred G. Hoffman company, Lansing, \$1,200.

The Hancock Elevator company, Bancroft, \$25,000.

Meridian Power company, Ann Arbor, \$10,000.

The Universal Tool company, Detroit, \$10,000.

AWAITING SANTA'S PLEASURE



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MACKENSEN FORCES GAIN IN RUMANIA

BUT ONE PROVINCE NOW REMAINS IN RUSSO-RUMANIAN HANDS.

TEUTONS SEIZE MUCH BOOTY

The Russo-Rumanians Are Reported to Have Evacuated Braila and Galatz.

Berlin.—Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces have reached the gates of Moldavia, the only Rumanian province remaining in the hands of the Russo-Rumanians. All of Dobruja except the forest region in the bend of the Danube is now in possession of the German, Bulgarian and Turkish troops.

Practically all of Great Wallachia has been over-run. The Russo-Rumanians are reported to have evacuated Braila and Galatz.

West of the Buzeu-Rimnik road, the German allies are pushing towards the northeast through the mountains; east of the road parallel progress is being made across the lowlands.

During the past 48 hours vast stores of fresh booty have fallen into the hands of the German allies. It includes railway rolling stock, live stock, foodstuffs, grain, war materials and petroleum. It is reported that the Rumanian government has been removed from Jassy to Russia. The foreign office has been established in Petrograd; the other branches are to be located at Kiev, it is said.

It is rumored that King Ferdinand, who is rapidly becoming "the monarch without a country," will abdicate and go to England.

The following comment on the military situation in Rumania and the Verdun sector of France is given out for publication by the Overseas News agency:

"Operations in Wallachia can now be considered as terminated. Buzeu, which has now fallen into the hands of the central powers, is the last important railroad point in Wallachia. The allies (Teutonic) now control two-thirds of the Rumanian railroad lines. The Buzeu and Jalomitza rivers form the second and third strategic lines, in which were secured corn and oil stores.

"The most recent German successes finally have provoked a greater activity on the western front, but the great new attack on the Meuse, launched by the French after strong artillery preparation, cannot modify the general situation. Such offensive thrusts, carried out with all available means, are always successful at the beginning."

Brandenburg troops have stormed Russian positions over a breadth of 600 yards to the north of the railroad between Kovel and Lutsk, in Volhynia, according to the official statement issued at German army headquarters. The Teutons captured five officers and 800 men and took several machine guns and mine throwers. A Russian attack near Illkut was repulsed.

Regarding operations in Rumania the official statement says:

"Our armies in mass have crossed the Buzeu and the lower Camatuli. In Dobruja our army has gained ground to the northward. On the Macedonia front the situation was calm."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. James Arnot, 70 years old, living near Crosswell, suffered a stroke of paralysis while cooking breakfast and fell on a red hot stove. She was badly burned.

Warsaw via London.—Archduke Charles Stephen of Austria, has been selected as regent of Poland, with the prospect of election as king later.

As a result of a conference between Mayor Black, of Port Huron and several of the Grand Trunk railway, several poor families will be provided with fuel during the winter months at prices much lower than they are now paying. The city will provide labor for dismantling discarded freight cars and the lumber will be turned over to the city and sold to persons who cannot afford to buy coal.

Mrs. Winnifred Sebring Clark, for nine years society editor of a Kalamazoo newspaper, and prominent Michigan suffrage worker, was hit by an automobile and seriously injured.

Although she is being sued for \$20,000 for breach of promise by a Chicago balloonist, who says she accepted him in a balloon above the clouds, Mrs. Virgil Bodell, of Casnovia, is happy, because, she says, she was wooed and won for herself alone and not for the fortune of \$100,000 which she will inherit in three years when she is 21.

CROP VALUE \$7,641,609,000

That is \$1,750,000,000 More Than the Same Crops Were Worth Last Year.

Washington.—All records for value of the country's important farm crops were exceeded this year despite the smaller size of the crops. Their value was placed at \$7,641,609,000 by the department of agriculture in its final estimates of the year. That is \$1,750,000,000 more than the same crops were worth last year.

Higher prices, due partly to reduced production and partly to the demands for American food from the warring nations of Europe, were responsible for the vast increase in value.

Corn Shows Most Increase.

Four crops each were worth more than \$1,000,000,000. Corn, with a total value of \$2,295,783,000, showed the greatest increase, being worth \$573,103,000 more than last year's output. Cotton, the second most valuable, with a total of \$1,079,598,000, increased \$475,378,000 over last year.

Wheat, the third, was worth \$1,025,756,000, or \$33,462,000 over the year before, when the production was almost \$400,000,000 bushels more.

Hay was fourth with a value of \$1,008,394,000, an increase of \$95,259,000. Compared with last year's value, other crops showed the following increases:

Oats, \$96,673,000; potatoes, \$95,071,000; tobacco, \$72,777,000; barley, \$41,362,000; rye, \$12,774,000; buckwheat, \$15,210,000; flaxseed, \$13,940,000; rice, \$10,974,000; sweet potatoes, \$13,161,000; sugar beets, \$4,243,000; beans, \$17,992,000; kafirs, \$2,112,000; onions, \$1,601,000; apples, \$27,660,000; oranges, \$9,545,000, and wild bay, \$11,053,000.

Wheat Gains 32,000,000 Bushels.

Final estimates of production showed a decrease of 60,000,000 bushels in corn from the November estimate, but an increase of 32,000,000 bushels in wheat.

A revision of the 1915 estimates of crop production was announced by the department showing the corn crop to have been 2,994,793,000 bushels last year, a reduction of 59,740,000 bushels from previous estimates, and wheat for 1915 was placed at 1,025,801,000 bushels, an increase of 13,296,000 bushels over estimates made last December. The revised figures also showed changes in other crops.

Final estimates announced by the department of agriculture are: Corn, 2,533,341,000 bushels, compared with 2,372,457,000, the 1910-14 average.

Wheat, 639,886,000 bushels, compared with 728,225,000, the five-year average.

Oats, 1,251,992,000 bushels, compared with 1,157,961,000, the 1910-14 average.

TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES

New York.—Plans for New York's largest apartment house, a structure 13 stories high, covering the city block bounded by Lexington and Park avenues and Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth streets, are announced. The building will cost \$4,000,000.

London.—Andrew Bonar Law's declaration in the house of commons that the British government still insists on "adequate reparation for the past and security for the future," was construed by influential newspapers as leaving the way open for considering the German peace proposal and for enunciating the essential aims of the Entente Allies.

Berlin, by wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.—A record achievement was made by a German submarine, which has returned to its base after 55 days at sea, without entering harbor or receiving outside assistance of any form. The weather, generally, was bad.

London.—Three more ships, one a neutral, have been sunk by German submarines. It was stated in dispatches received here. They were the Norwegian steamer Kaupanger, 3,354 tons, the British ship Glencoe, 2,560 tons and the Portuguese steamship Leca, 1,911 tons.

Washington.—Plans for pressing a \$30,000,000 omnibus public building bill at this session of congress were practically agreed upon at conferences between members of the house rules and public building committees.

New York.—The American Clothing Manufacturers' association, representing most of the manufacturers whose workers are on strike, will grant an increase in wages of about \$2 a week, approximately the increase demanded by the strikers. The manufacturers, however, refused to reduce the working time.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Live Stock.

DETROIT.—Cattle.—Receipts, 1275. Best heavy steers, \$8@10; best handy weight butchers steers, \$7.50@8.50; mixed steers and heifers, \$7@8.25; handy light butchers, \$8@7; light butchers, \$6@6.50; best cows, 6.50@7; butcher cows, \$5.50@6; common cows, \$4.50@5.25; canners, \$3.50@4.50; best heavy bulls, \$8@6.50; bologna bulls, \$5.50@6.25; stock bulls, \$4.50@5.25; feeders, 6.50@7; stockers, \$5@6.50; milkers and springers, \$4@7.50.

Calves.—Receipts, 860. A few fancy bringing \$13, but bulk of the good brought \$12@12.50, heavy grades, \$5.50@6.50 and mediums, \$9@11.

Sheep and Lambs.—Receipts, 7,210. Best lambs, \$43@43.25; fair lambs, \$42@42.75; light to common lambs, \$9@10.75; yearlings, \$9@10.75; fair to good sheep, \$8@8.75; culls and common, \$5@7.

Hogs.—Receipts, 10,800. Pigs selling at \$8.25 to \$8.65 and mixed grades 10c higher, selling at \$9.25 to \$9.75.

EAST BUFFALO.—Cattle.—Receipts, 150 cars; market 10@15c lower; choice to prime steers, \$10.15@11.25; good to choice, \$9@9.50; fair to good, \$8@8.50; plain to coarse, \$7.25@7.75; best yearlings, dry-fed, \$10@11; best handy steers, \$7.50@8; light butchers steers, \$6.75@7.25; best butchering steers and heifers mixed, \$7.50@8; western heifers, \$7.50@7.75; best heavy fat cows, \$5.50@7.25; butcher cows, \$6@6.50; cutters, \$4.50@4.75; canners, \$4@4.25; fancy bulls, \$7.50@7.75; butcher bulls, \$6.50@6.75; common bulls, \$5@5.50; good stockers, \$5@5.50; feeders, \$6.50@7; best milkers and springers, \$8@11; mediums, \$6@6; common, \$4@5.00.

Hogs.—Receipts, 90 cars; market steady; heavy, \$10.75@10.85; yorkers and mixed, \$10.60@10.75; pigs and lights, \$9.75@10.

Sheep and lambs.—Receipts, 30 cars; lambs 15c lower; sheep steady; top lambs, \$13.75@14; yearlings, \$11@12; wethers, \$9@10; ewes, \$8@9.

Calves.—Receipts, 700; slow; top, \$14@14.25; fair to good, \$12.50@13; heavy fat calves, \$6.50@9.50; fed calves, \$5@6.25.

Grain, Etc.

DETROIT.—Wheat, Cash No. 2 red, \$1.68; December opened without change at \$1.69, touched \$1.69 1/2, declined to \$1.67 1/2 and advanced to \$1.68; May opened at \$1.75, gained 1/2c, declined to \$1.74 1/2 and advanced to \$1.75; No. 1 white, \$1.63.

Corn.—Cash, No. 3, 95 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, 97c; No. 4 yellow, 95c.

Oats.—Standard, 56c asked; No. 3 white, 56 1/2c; No. 4 white, 54 1/2c.

Rye.—Cash No. 2, \$1.45.

Beans.—Immediate and prompt shipment, \$2.75; December, \$2.75; January \$2.50.

Seeds.—Prime red clover, \$10.65; March, \$10.75; alsike, \$10.75; timothy, \$2.50; alfalfa, \$9@10.

Flour.—Per 196 lbs. in eighth paper sacks: Best winter patent, \$9.30; second patent, \$8.90; straight, \$8.70; spring patent, \$9.30; rye, \$8.50 per lb.

Hay.—No. 1 timothy, \$14@15; standard timothy, \$13.50@14; rye straw, \$9.50@10; wheat and oat straw, \$6.50@9 per ton in carlots, Detroit.

Feed.—In 100-lb sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, \$3; standard middlings, \$3.35; fine middlings, \$3.55; cracked corn, \$4.35; coarse cornmeal, \$4.00; corn and oat chop, \$3.75 per ton.

General Markets.

Pineapples—\$4@4.50 per crate.

Grapefruit—\$3.50@4 per crate.

Malaga Grapes—\$3@3.50 per keg.

Limes—\$1.15 per 100 and \$11 per barrel.

Cranberries—Late Howes, \$3.25 per bu and \$9.25 per bbl.

Apples—Baldwin, Spy and King, \$5.50@5.75 per bbl for the best.

Cabbage—\$4.50 per bbl.

Dressed Hogs—12 1/2@13c per lb.

Tomatoes—Hothouse, 23c per lb.

Celery—Kalamazoo, 20@25c per doz.

New Potatoes—Bermuda, \$10.50@11 per bbl.

Sweet Potatoes—Jersey, kiln-dried, \$2 per crate.

Honey—Fancy white, 16@17c; extracted, 9@10c per lb.

Dressed Calves—Fancy, 15 1/2@16c; No. 2, 14@14 1/2c per lb.

Potatoes—Incandots, Bulk, \$1.50@1.55; in sacks, \$1.55@1.60 per bu.

Lettuce—Head lettuce, \$1.75@2 per case; hothouse, 12 1/2@15c per lb.

Dressed Poultry—Chickens, 18@19c; hens, 16@17c; ducks, 20@21c; geese, 16@17c; turkeys, 26@27c per lb.

Live Poultry—No. 1 spring chickens, 18@19 1/2c; No. 2 spring chickens, 16c; No. 1 hens, 17c; No. 2 hens, 16c; small hens, 13@14c; ducks, 17 1/2@18c; geese, 16@16 1/2c; turkeys, 25@26c per lb.

Onions—Spanish, \$1.75 per crate; Michigan yellow, \$4.50 per 100-lb. sack.

Tallow—No. 1, 9c; No. 2, 8c per lb.

Christmas Decorations—Holly, \$4 per case; holly wreaths, \$1.25@1.50 per doz.; pine rope, \$1.50 for single, \$2.50 for double per oz.; Japanese rope, red and green, 75c per 20-yard coil; mistletoe, 20c per lb.

The STAR

Douglas Malloch

UPON the East appears
a shining star,
Pinned like a jewel to the
purple night,
One glowing star that lights
a waiting world,
One gleaming star, a bea-
con and a lamp.

FIVE points it has, five
points like lesser
stars.

One looks to Heaven, and
its name is Faith.
Two follow the horizon: one
is Love,
The other world-encircling
Brotherhood.
Another, Kindness, burning
on unchanged,
And Charity, the fifth, are
set toward Earth
To bring it nearer Heaven.

OUT from them all, from
every shining point.
Pour forth such rays!—a
glory radiant
That seeks and finds the
heaven's highest dome,
That seeks and finds the
deepest vale of Earth,
The hearts of princes melts,
the beggars' warms.

BEHOLD the Star," they
cry, "of Bethlehem!"
The Star of Faith and Love,
of Brotherhood,
Of Charity and Kindness!
And behold
Around, about, its fair, efful-
gent rays—
The Christmas Spirit—light-
ing all the World!
Now "Peace on Earth," they
cry, "Good Will to Men!"

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Good Christmas Motto.

"Peace on earth, and good will to men," is the Christmas motto, and the Christmas spirit should ring in our hearts and find a kindly expression in acts and words. What a joyful thing for the world it would be if the Christmas spirit of peace and good will could abide with us all every day of the year. And what a beautiful place this world would be to live in. And it might be so if each one of us would resolve in our hearts that peace and good will should be our motto every day, and that we, individually, would do our best to make the Christmas spirit last all the year round.

Benevolence Vs. Extravagance.
The greatest obstacle to charity in the Christian church today is the fact that men expend so much on their table and women so much on their dress, they have got nothing left for the work of God and the world's betterment.—Talmage.

Always New.
"You surely don't give your husband a necktie every Christmas?"
"Oh, yes, I do! And the poor dear never seems to know that it is the same one!"

Christian's Right Is Happiness.
God gives us always strength and sense enough for what he wants us to do; if we either tire ourselves or puzzle ourselves, it is our own fault. And we may always be sure, whatever we are doing, that we cannot be pleasing him if we are not happy ourselves.—Ruskin.

Think of the Future.
When you hang up the baby's stockings be grateful that it isn't enough as yet to feel the need of an ankle watch.

THAT CHRISTMAS PRESENT.



"She's afraid I wasn't going to give anything to her."
"What makes you think that?"
"She sent in her present to me yesterday."

What He Missed.
Groans—Old Adam was a lucky man in one respect, anyway.
Grins—What's the answer?
Groans—Eve never gave him a box of bargain-counter cigars for Christmas.

Everything Matters.
Christianity is not man's confessor to God that nothing matters, since man is what he is. It is God's shout to man that everything matters, since God sees in man what man may be come.—W. H. Blake.

Through Our Friends.
We shall be greatly helped in our acquaintance with God by knowing the friends of God. Much of the best that God has for us of self-revelation comes thus immediately through others' lives. No friendship, indeed, has yet rendered its best until the friends have made it more easy for each other to believe in God and the spiritual world.—H. C. King.

No reward of patient endeavor can ever be too great to shower upon a loved mother.—W. S. Royston.

Under the Mistletoe

by De Quincey Herree Cass



A COIFFURED mesh of copper-colored hair, half disarranged, yet as scientific as a spider's web, humid melting eyes, luminous with a light born only of itself—a dimpled pitfall on one cheek where art and nature blend indistinguishably—red, red moist lips beneath which the ardent blood of maidenhood throbs strongly like a runner's pulse—a seductive sweep of velvety throat, with the delicate tracery of veins showing faintly violet—a tempestuous bosom—

And around all this, Two Arms—a Man's.

GOOD WISHES

By FORTUNE FREE.

SOMEONE said that the richest person was the one who was fullest of good wishes for others and who received their good wishes in return. Wishing others well did him or her all the good in the world, and the good wishes in return were powerful for good. Does it find it so ourselves? No one can do without them. They are our dearest possessions.

Montague Williams, the celebrated British barrister, once related the story of a rather unlovely old gentleman of a miserly habit and rejoicing in the nickname amongst the archbishops of the neighborhood of "Old Pickbones." Generosity was not one of his virtues, and if he wished any human creature well he kept it a secret to himself. He was a man who seemed impervious to all good wishes—a solitary old grudge who cared nothing for the good or the bad wishes of any human creature. When he died, however, it turned out that he had been by no means as thick-skinned as he seemed. He left a will in which he bequeathed money to different persons, and ten thousand pounds to some unknown individual whom he directed his solicitor to discover if possible. That person had been accustomed to send him yearly an anonymous post card with just, "Best wishes at this time to you."

The writer gave no clue as to who he was. Did the old gentleman tear the cards up or throw them into the fire? Not a bit of it. He had carefully preserved them—tied them up in a nice packet. "If the writer can be discovered," he ordered in his will, "I bequeath him ten thousand pounds for his good will."

I would dearly have liked for the

sender of those post cards to have got that money, but all efforts to find him proved unavailing.

One cannot help wishing well to the person who wishes others well. Good wishes are the biggest bond on earth. Isn't it a delightful thing to think that others are thinking of us?

The well-wisher is thinking of us. He also puts his good thought for us into words: "I wish you every good luck," or something of that kind. It is like a grasp of a hand pressing ours. It blesses both the giver and the receiver. I don't know which gets the most out of it.

There are times when the world breaks out into a mighty shout, as it were, of good wishes. Christmas time is the great season. Never had we more need of them than at this coming Christmas time. It is an enormous opportunity for the good wisher to make his power felt.

It is a curious and beautiful thing about this Christmas spirit that year after year it tends us to attempt the all but impossible. In order to give pleasure to others; while in the end everyone's joy is the result, not of what he has received from others, but of what he has done for them.

Taking Him at His Word.
Hem (opening a fancy box)—What do you think of the new necktie?
Shimmer—Gee, it's a marvel of beauty. Where'd you get it?
"I got it from one of my aunts for Christmas, but I have decided to give it to you. Put it right on and wear it."
"Aw, go on! Can't you take a joke?"
—Youngstown Telegram.

The One-Idea Man.
It pays to stick to one thing. Only those persons in whose lives some one great purpose outweighs everything else rise above the shoulders of the crowd. Concentration does it. Strugglers in the commercial world are reminded that "the man who minds his own business will soon have a business of his own to mind." Paul had a passion for one thing, he said, "Forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal

unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." And Paul succeeded, by holding to that one thing, so that his life was glorified by the presence of Christ, and made fruitful to the rest of the world, as few if any other lives of the Christian era. Have you decided what your one goal is?—Sunday School Times.

Christ can give even a profane swearer a new heart—and also a new vocabulary. Cussing men are a menace.

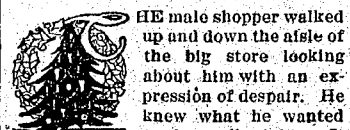
Wise Girls.
One reason why some girls give photographs for Christmas presents is that it is about the only way to avoid evident discrimination.

Won't Draw.
He strikes a match and pulls a bit. And then he strikes another. The Christmas smoke is not a joke. But often quite a bother.

Real Optimist.
Among the conspicuous optimists is the man who smokes Santa Claus cigars with apparent enjoyment.

BUYING A GIFT FOR HIS WIFE

This Man Had Plenty of Help While on a Shopping Tour.



THE male shopper walked up and down the aisle of the big store looking about him with an expression of despair. He knew what he wanted to buy all right. It wasn't that. But he kept wandering about looking at the saleswomen behind the counters with all the perplexity of a dog trying to recall where he had buried a soup bone.

He stood off to one side staring intently at a busy young creature with dark hair behind the ribbon counter, and at last walked up within talking distance.

"Don't suppose you can leave here for a few minutes, can you?" he began in a low tone.

"W-h-a-t?"

"I say—never mind. I mean wait a minute I'll be back."

And he rushed away to hide his confusion from the other shoppers. He did not return, but went over to another aisle and began sizing up people there, both in front and behind the counters.

Was the man bighouse? No. Just be patient and you'll hear all about it. He kept looking and looking, and at last his gaze took in a tall young woman—reasonably young—with a bunch of small packages tucked under her arm. He walked up to her, hesitated, and then blurted: "Beg pardon, madam, but may I speak to you a moment?"

She gave him a look and started to hurry away, but he was obliged, however, to wait.

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She wanted some Christmas cigars and the dealer sold her a box of hay perfectors for 40 cents.

"Her husband will give you fits when he gets those," remarked a bystander. "No," he told me to do it," explained the dealer. "Why, his wife would sue for divorce if she knew he pays \$5 a box for his cigars."

Holiday Thought.
Give the Lord his due; the devil is certain to take his.

Always a New Lot.
About Christmas, consider this: There are at least four thousand kids who were too young to take note last year who are just old enough to be surprised when the tree lights up this year. Always there's a new bunch of Christmas come-ons.

Howdy, Uncle?
To keep the Merry Christmas from turning out a botch when the girls hang up their stockings poor dad hangs up his watch.

Our Christmas Sermon.
The hilarious chap who feels like a king on Christmas eve is very apt to feel like the deuce the next morning.

Could We Survive?
Christmas comes but once a year; 'Tis the words, but true. If it came, say, twice or more—Scott! What would we do?

The man who wants to show appreciation will wear on New Year's day the bright new necktie which he received on Christmas.

FROM HIS WISDOM

Intercessions by Our Lord and Master Should Be Guidance for His Followers.

It may perhaps deepen our power of prayer if we try with reverent eyes to watch our Lord and Master in his intercessions, and to draw some guidance from his example.

There are three, and I think only three, occasions on which the persons for whom he made intercession are mentioned. The first is for Peter—"Simon, Simon, I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not" (Luke 22:31-32). The second is for groups of people—for the apostles as a body, for those who should believe through their agency, and ultimately for the whole world. The third is for those who were crucifying him—"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). These three give us the true range of our intercessions—there is the individual friend, so closely bound to us that we call him by his Christian name. There are the groups of people connected with us by links of varying closeness, for our prayers have to be both for individuals and for groups of people, as the action of both alike is all-important for good and for evil and needs to be guided by prayer.

Our Lord's True Friends.
But I wish to dwell more upon the Lord's method, and for this purpose the seventeenth of St. John, that chapter which has been called the simplest in language yet the profoundest in thought in the whole range of Scripture will supply us with most material in its account of the Lord's intercession for the groups of those whom he called his friends. In these intercessions he thinks of those for whom he prays as God's gifts to himself. They are "the men whom thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were; and thou gavest them to me." "I pray . . . for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine."

Now who are they whom God has given us? They fall into two classes. In the first place, there are those whose relation to us comes from no choice of our own, but from what we should call the accidents of our birth and circumstances, but whom we should far more wisely think of as given to us by God himself.

But, further, there are also those whom we have chosen for ourselves; they are the objects of our own free choice: the wife, the husband, the friend, those who have been drawn to us by the cords of love, those whose loveliness has awakened the response of love in us.

Shall I not pray for you? Since you have been God's gift to me, a strong sure tie in all my need, sent by his love indeed.

That is the language of true friendship. Yes, and all those whom I placed in the first class may rise to the second in proportion as the ties pass from being merely a natural and half-mechanical link into a relationship of love. The mother who has taught us to pray, and become the mother of our soul as well as of our life; the father whose advice has kept us straight amid the moral dangers of growing manhood; the brother or sister whose sympathy has touched a religious level—these are gifts of God in a double sense.

Righteous Intercessions.
Such then must be the starting-point of our intercessions. We are praying for those who are gifts to us, gifts whom we have to value for the giver's sake as well as for their own, gifts for the use of which we are responsible, gifts which we ought hereafter to be able to show to the giver not tarnished, but more beautiful for having been in our charge. In a fine phrase of George MacDonald's, we have to "think of them and God together" to think of what God sees to be lovable in them, and then by our intercessions and our actions to help forward all that is good and lovable and, if need be, to check and discourage all that is not worthy of the presence of God.

So with our hearts full of gratitude to God for what those for whom we pray have been to us in the past we shall picture to ourselves the real dangers that assail them, and try to frame the prayer that would have come to Christ's lips. And here our Lord's prayer will remind us that the deepest and strongest prayer of our heart shall be not for their physical, but for their spiritual welfare. At such a time as this, when so many of our friends are in danger of their lives, our first instinct will be to pray that they may be kept safe and sound and sent home to us once more. A perfectly right and Christian prayer; but it should not cease here—it should be further a prayer for their deliverance from spiritual dangers that they may be kept free from the evil one, and from all that would prevent their passing to the heavenly home; that where Christ is there they may be also.—Exchange.

Test of Christian Character.
The psalmist said, "I wait for the Lord." This attitude of expectancy is the proper mood for a Christian. The Lord will do great things for us, if we have faith, and if we will only give him time. If it be not pressing too far the phrase of the psalm, there is a good deal in waiting for the Lord. At certain (or uncertain) intervals of life nerves are on the stretch, hopes are deferred, endurance is sorely tried, and the best of saints are tempted to doubt the real benevolence of the Lord. But all that may be a part of the test of faith itself, the Lord hiding himself that we may be held to the more, and keeping his own favorites waiting that meanwhile they may worship with a more intense devotion. This, then, is the supreme test of Christian character—to be able to wait on God, and to wait for the Lord.—Zion's Herald.

To Each His Duty.
Every mission constitutes a pledge of duty. Every man is bound to consecrate his every faculty to its fulfillment. He will derive his rule of action from the profound conviction of that duty.—Giuseppe Mazzini.



BEST WISHES
May the music of the chimes
Ring you glad and happy times,
And their voices clear and sweet,
Unto you my wish repeat.

seen it," replied the male shopper. "Do you suppose she'd like some other color better?"

"You see," pointed out the kind woman, in a considerate, half-sympathetic tone, "that particular shade of blue doesn't go with any other color. Now, if I were receiving a shirtwaist for Christmas I should want a white waist. Of course your wife may have expressed a preference for some other color. No? Well, now you understand it's none of my affair—and this is certainly rather informal, me helping you to select something for your wife, whom I don't even know, to say nothing of not even knowing your name—but I should think any woman would be delighted with something like this one, for instance."

And she reached over to pick up one with a lot of lace and mosquito netting on the front of it.

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A Christmas Plot.
She wanted some Christmas cigars and the dealer sold her a box of hay perfectors for 40 cents.

"Her husband will give you fits when he gets those," remarked a bystander. "No," he told me to do it," explained the dealer. "Why, his wife would sue for divorce if she knew he pays \$5 a box for his cigars."

Holiday Thought.
Give the Lord his due; the devil is certain to take his.

Always a New Lot.
About Christmas, consider this: There are at least four thousand kids who were too young to take note last year who are just old enough to be surprised when the tree lights up this year. Always there's a new bunch of Christmas come-ons.

Howdy, Uncle?
To keep the Merry Christmas from turning out a botch when the girls hang up their stockings poor dad hangs up his watch.

Our Christmas Sermon.
The hilarious chap who feels like a king on Christmas eve is very apt to feel like the deuce the next morning.

Could We Survive?
Christmas comes but once a year; 'Tis the words, but true. If it came, say, twice or more—Scott! What would we do?

The man who wants to show appreciation will wear on New Year's day the bright new necktie which he received on Christmas.

Test of Christian Character.
The psalmist said, "I wait for the Lord." This attitude of expectancy is the proper mood for a Christian. The Lord will do great things for us, if we have faith, and if we will only give him time. If it be not pressing too far the phrase of the psalm, there is a good deal in waiting for the Lord. At certain (or uncertain) intervals of life nerves are on the stretch, hopes are deferred, endurance is sorely tried, and the best of saints are tempted to doubt the real benevolence of the Lord. But all that may be a part of the test of faith itself, the Lord hiding himself that we may be held to the more, and keeping his own favorites waiting that meanwhile they may worship with a more intense devotion. This, then, is the supreme test of Christian character—to be able to wait on God, and to wait for the Lord.—Zion's Herald.

To Each His Duty.
Every mission constitutes a pledge of duty. Every man is bound to consecrate his every faculty to its fulfillment. He will derive his rule of action from the profound conviction of that duty.—Giuseppe Mazzini.

Think of the Future.
When you hang up the baby's stockings be grateful that it isn't enough as yet to feel the need of an ankle watch.

Christian's Right Is Happiness.
God gives us always strength and sense enough for what he wants us to do; if we either tire ourselves or puzzle ourselves, it is our own fault. And we may always be sure, whatever we are doing, that we cannot be pleasing him if we are not happy ourselves.—Ruskin.

Through Our Friends.
We shall be greatly helped in our acquaintance with God by knowing the friends of God. Much of the best that God has for us of self-revelation comes thus immediately through others' lives. No friendship, indeed, has yet rendered its best until the friends have made it more easy for each other to believe in God and the spiritual world.—H. C. King.

No reward of patient endeavor can ever be too great to shower upon a loved mother.—W. S. Royston.



OF COURSE you are going to need a few articles for Christmas Presents—every well-regulated family will.

In anticipating a goodly share of your Christmas trade, we purchased a line of good things that are surely going to win your praise.

Things may be practical and also beautiful. Our Christmas goods ARE beautiful and are equally useful, and the best selections from the world's greatest markets.



A Few Suggestions

IVORY ARTICLES in handsome Mirrors, Combs, Brushes, Toilet sets, etc. New ideas and shapes.

CUT GLASS—the quality kind—forms one of the specially attractive features of our store.

PERFUMES—The choicest odors of such renowned brands as Imported Azurea, Ideal, Melba and many others.

TOILET WATERS—Quality kinds in beautiful packages.

PERFUMIZER—One of the very latest of new things for the lady's dressing table is DeVilbiss Perfumizer. Come and see it.

STATIONERY to please the fancy of all.

Our store is more attractive than ever before and our invitation to you to come in and see the display of pretty things is most cordial. We will be pleased to lay aside any articles you may select until Christmas time.

Central Drug Store

Phone No. 1, Grayling
A. C. OLSON, Proprietor.

Crawford Avalanche

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.
One Year.....\$1.50
Six Months......75
Three Months......40

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Empty Stockings.

Santa Claus can't squirm through some chimneys—poverty blocks the way.

So many a darned stocking will dangle in pitiful emptiness Christmas morning and more than one slum mother will seek to explain to a baby how it happens there aren't gifts enough in the world to go 'round.

After all, it's they who are hit hardest—the toil-broken women—the tub-drudges—the silent slaves of the skyscrapers—rubbing and scrubbing from dusk to dawn—snatching a wink and then choring about their tenement rooms—sweeping, cooking, mending rags, minding children—taking the graft without a whimper—old in their prime—scarred with the wounds of the wolf fight—soul-sick—disease-torn—lashed by dread and duty—afraid to be ill—

Imagine your wife in similar straits—picture her plight with fatherless bairns, no money and the responsibility of sole provider, and if your heart is one of God's wireless stations, intercept some lost prayers next week—catch a few wishes that might not

otherwise come true—and help.

If you are unacquainted with such folk, the policeman at the corner is well informed. He always knows where misery nests.

Be selfish, if you must, all the rest of the year, but for one day, at least, divvy your luck—it may run longer because of a little kindness. Especially on His Day.

Spend the money you meant for people who need nothing on these who want for everything.—Detroit Free Press, by Herbert Kaufman.

HAVE FINE XMAS PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY TREE.

Exercises will Begin Promptly at 7:30 O'Clock.

The program for the Community Christmas tree is all arranged and the song parts are being rehearsed and when the time comes, 7:30 o'clock, p. m. Saturday, December 23, nothing will be missing to make this event a grand success.

The singers and school children who are to take part in the chorus work are requested to be at the school house in the big assembly room promptly at 7:15 p. m. Saturday, so as to march in a body to the square where the exercises are to be. Everybody are requested to be on time and the committee will see that all exercises are carried out promptly and quickly. Let the parents see that their children are warmly dressed, altho the exercises will take only about thirty-five minutes.

The committee want one and all to

come, knowing that everyone will carry away some of that "Spirit of Christmas," they have labored so hard to bring about, by the bringing out of the first Community Christmas tree for Grayling.

The church choirs and all singers, and especially members of the Mothers and Teachers' league, are requested to be at the school house at 3:00 o'clock p. m. Friday to practice for the big choruses.

Gold Under Your Stumps.

That extensive farming, rather than intensive farming, is still the great problem of the American farmer is a fact beyond argument. The expert observer sees the evidence on every hand—millions of acres going to waste which might be ridged of stumps, plowed, sowed, and made the focal points for a new tidal wave of farmer prosperity. It is no exaggeration to say that most of America's logged-over land is rich in agricultural possibilities.

There certainly is nothing new in the idea of harnessing forest land to the plow. American history makes its start upon the clearing in the forest—upon that first scanty crop of corn which served for the initial Thanksgiving dinner of the Pilgrim Fathers.

With up-to-date methods and machinery of stump-pulling at their disposal, many modern American farmers hesitate to do the very thing which our forefathers were obliged to do with the slow, painful labor of their hands.

True to the adage that history repeats itself, the first American land-clearing has found its counterpart in many subsequent feats of daring land cultivation. For instance, there is the interesting story of the three Benedictine monks, who some thirty years ago, founded a colony in the wilds of the Ozark mountains of Arkansas.

They were not equipped with modern methods and machinery. They dug up the stumps in the most primitive manner. Yet, today, this colony has 160 acres of land under a high state of cultivation. And this land has proved its ability to produce better than \$13,500 worth of crops, dairy products, poultry, etc. in a single year.

In Arkansas, in Louisiana, in Montana, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Wisconsin and many other states, humble but wise and thrifty immigrants have bought hideouts, barren stump lands for a song and a promise. And by patient industry they have redeemed these lands and made them blossom into a sure means of independence and prosperity. Thus they have put to shame many a less progressive native farmer.

The clearing and cultivation of forest lands, which has been an important American industry from the day that the first white man landed on the shores of Plymouth, has yet to take on the aspect of a great nation-wide movement. But farmers as a class are becoming more alive to the gold that lies under their stumps than they have been. And the next few years should witness a much more earnest and concerted effort on the part of farm owners to increase their holdings in food cut-over land, and prepare it with whatever stump-land they already possess for the sowing and the reaping. It is the next step necessary to make the average American farm a better rounded and therefore a better paying proposition.

SHOP EARLY

Here Are Some Gifts "He" Would Appreciate!

Again Christmas and the Holidays are at hand and as always our store is headquarters for appropriate and lasting gifts at prices which really represent money saving. It is certainly to your advantage to make your selections now while our big stock contains such a wide and complete range of suitable presents. The next ten days will be busy ones with this store. Accept our advice and make your choice now for delivery later.

HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL ARTICLES

Handkerchiefs.

These are always appreciated. Our Dry Goods department offers a big variety of quality and prices in plain and fancy initial handkerchiefs.



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Hosiery

If you don't know what else to present father, mother, sister or brother, you will always guess right if you present them with some of our excellent Hosiery. We have Hosiery for men or women in silk, cashmere and cotton.

Neckwear

For men and women. If you admire pretty patterns and distinctive designs in neckwear, you'll surely find our showing unexcelled.



Caps, Scarfs, Sweaters

We have Cap and Scarf Sets for ladies and Scarfs for men, and Sweaters for ladies and gentlemen.

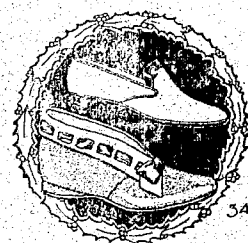
Blankets

You will be more than pleased with our supply of Blankets. Our wool blankets can not be excelled in quality and price.

Silk Petticoats

The ladies will certainly appreciate our silk petticoats. They are of good quality and the very latest style.

House Slippers



Keep your feet comfortable with a pair of our House Slippers. We have them in several styles and shapes.

Gloves for Ladies and Men

We are showing fashionable dress gloves, plain street gloves and working gloves and mittens, in lined and unlined.

Hats, Caps, Dress Shirts

Why not a Hat or Cap? You may put it down as a safe selection that a smart-styled Hat or Cap will be appreciated.

We have some fine patterns in Men's Dress Shirts. Surely these are sensible and useful presents.

Underwear

Our line of Underwear for men, women and children can't be excelled. We are the sole local dealers in the well-known **Victoria Brand** of knit underwear. Wear them and you will want to buy no other kind.

Beautiful Turkish Bath Towels and Rugs.

Heavy Woven Bath Rugs.

Have Us Order Your

Xmas Suit and Overcoat

from our Chicago Tailors

Ed. V. Price & Co.

Select Your Own Style Today

There is not a man in the town but what can find the very style and pattern for a suit or overcoat that he will appreciate and enjoy—providing he makes his selection from the unsurpassed display of our famous Chicago tailors.

By leaving your measure TODAY we can guarantee delivery before Xmas.

Prices are Reasonable

Shoes and Rubbers

Remember the children with a pair of new Shoes for Christmas. And also at this time of the year Rubbers are necessary.

Good, high quality leather used in our shoes. For women, children and men.

Dress Goods

Messalines, Voiles, Crepe de Chene and other fine fabrics await your selection. We can nicely supply your Christmas wants in this line, and also furnish the trimmings to go with them. Prices reasonable.

GROCERIES

High grade, fresh, delicious and strictly sanitary. In our grocery department you may provide your table supplies with a satisfaction that you are getting goods of quality. Just to tempt your appetite we suggest you include a few of the following articles with your next order.

Olives, bottle and bulk. Pickles. Catsup. Salad Dressing. Snyder's Tomato Soup, something new. Honey. Canned Pineapple. Canned Fruits. Preserves of all kinds. Canned Pumpkin, Soups, Beans and other vegetables. Choice Columbia River Salmon, best on the market. Norwegian Sardines, Norwegian Mackerel, Canned Eel, Fiske Pudding, Christmas Plum Pudding, Fresh Cranberries.

TEAS and COFFEES

We offer the highest grade coffee obtainable in our Mocha and Java. All the well known brands. Choice Green and Black Teas.

CHEESE

American Full Cream Cheese, Brick and Switzer Cheese, Rouquefort, Kraft and Camembert Cheese.

Nice fresh assortment of Cookies.

Fresh Dromedary Dates.

Apples, Nuts and Fruits of all kinds.

Swan's Down Cake Flour; makes the best cakes. Try it.

We still have some articles that were purchased before the increase in prices. These are staple and things you require every day; they are better than many similar articles offered today because their colors are made from the best German dyes and their colors are permanent. These we are offering at the old prices, however after January 1st they will be advanced in price. Buy early and save money.

We have only listed a few of the thousands of articles in our big store. We sell everything, so just come in and make your wants known.

SALLING, HANSON COMPANY

WE SELL EVERYTHING

Obituary.

Mrs. Ann Lauenia Ellen Penn, wife of John W. Penn, was the eldest child of Barney A. and Mary McAlfrey, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, July 2, 1845 and was married to John Wesley Penn of Canada, March 12, 1860 at Richmond, O., and then moved to Canada, where they resided for nine years. They returned to Ohio in the fall of '69 later moving to Indiana, where they owned a large tract of land and built themselves a nice home. They resided there until 1904 when they moved to a farm at Pere Cheney where she lived until death, Thursday, Nov. 23, when she peacefully fell asleep to wake up with Jesus. She joined the First Baptist church at the age of thirteen, in which faith she remained a faithful Christian thru life. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, a kind and obliging neighbor, always ready and willing to

help in time of need. At her death she left to mourn her loss, her aged companion, six sons, John W., of West Branch; Indian W., of Jonesville; Barney and Earl of Grayling; Jesse A., of Roscommon and Hiram of Pere Cheney; and one daughter, Mrs. Pocahontas Bell Smith, who at present is residing at the family home; also one brother and fourteen grandchildren. The funeral was held on Sunday from the home, Rev. Terhune of Frederic officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery, Grayling.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to extend to our many friends and neighbors our sincere thanks for their help and kindness during the illness and death of wife and beloved mother.

JOHN W. PENN, and family.

How Old Will You Be At Fifty.

Will you be 50 years old or 50 years young? Kidney troubles make many a person old, when really they should be young. Don't be one of the old. Take a kidney tablet as you would a cathartic. Dr. Navaum's kidney tablets are best, 50c at your druggist, A. M. Lewis.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured.

with local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Notice.

The tax roll for the year 1916 is now on hand. I will be at my home every Friday up to Jan. 10 to receive taxes. Hans Christensen, Treas. Beaver Creek Twp.

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Largest Fur Manufacturers in the World

HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR

RAW FURS

Ship your furs to us. We pay all express and mail charges. Write for our price list.

453 West 2nd St. New York

Merry Christmas To You All

We desire at this time to thank all our patrons and friends that have helped us to make this year now nearing an end one of the most prosperous in our history. We also sincerely hope that the coming year will be one of continued prosperity, peace and happiness for all.

Eleventh Hour Suggestions

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| Soft Shell Walnuts | Popcorn Balls |
| Soft Shell Almonds | Chums |
| Fancy Large Filberts | Sure Pop Corn |
| Peerless Mixed Nuts | New Naval Oranges |
| Fancy Washed Brazils | Fancy Large Bananas |
| Fresh Roasted Peanuts | Fancy Baldwin Apples |
| Assorted Candies | Grapes |

Milton Simpson Est.

The Sanitary Store

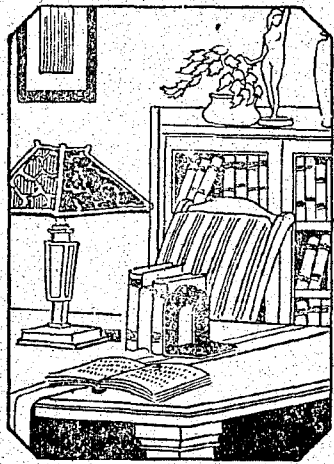


USEFUL and ECONOMICAL

Drug Store Offerings for Christmas

Our Christmas offerings are both useful and ornamental. They are also **ECONOMICAL**. They will pay for themselves in satisfactory service a hundred times over. They are presents that will appeal to the solid sense of the recipient every time they are used. They will be **APPRECIATED** gifts.

Some one in the family—or a friend—will more than appreciate any one of these articles, the prices of which have been marked right down to the limit to begin with:



Books

We just received a new supply of the latest and most desirable books, including special Xmas editions, poems, etc.

Safety Razors

Make him a present of a fine safety razor. He will not only enjoy the use of one but will also save money by shaving himself—soon save the cost.

White Ivory

In these you may find articles that will please any member of the family. They are necessary and lasting articles for every home.

Perfumes and Toilet Articles

There are no perfumes to excel Palmer's. We have all the other well known makes in many odors. Toilet Waters in beautiful packages. Make fine presents.

Cigars, Pipes and Tobaccos

Choicest imported Key West and Havana Cigars and a choice collection of domestic brands. We offer these in full or broken boxes. Upon request we will gladly assist the ladies in making selections for their husbands or gentleman friends.

We have all the leading brands of Cigarettes. You will find here your favorite brand of tobaccos. To those who enjoy their pipe, we offer a nice selection of fragrant Briar and Meersbaum Pipes.



Candies

The famous Gilbert's chocolates and other well known brands. Clean, pure, creamy and crisp candy, that is enjoyed by old and young. Just the kind for little children—it won't hurt them and **THEY LIKE IT**.

Sold in fancy Christmas boxes and in bulk. Candy is hard to get just at present and we suggest that you order your supply at once. If you cannot come down, telephone your wants. Phone 18.

Cameras

To please that young member of the family nothing will appeal like a high grade camera. These are very useful articles in every home—history recorders. Several styles and prices.



Scheaffer Fountain Pens

A lasting and appreciative gift to a good friend would be one of our self-filling Scheaffer Fountain Pens. They are the best pens made and fully guaranteed. Several sizes and prices.

If you will come into our store we will be able to interest you in hundreds of good and useful articles that may be **JUST** what you want to use as a Christmas gift. Come in and see.

A. M. LEWIS

Your Druggist

Phone 18

Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Mrs. C. R. Keyport was in Bay City Tuesday.

Boy Scout books for 10 cents at Sorenson Bros.

Why not a Diamond? Hathaway has them from \$5.00 up.

Christmas candies, 10 to 20 cents per pound, at Holiday's Bazaar.

Leo Schram is assisting in the Post-office during the holiday rush.

Mrs. Geo. Alexander returned home Monday from an extended visit in Detroit.

Mrs. Paul Ford of Detroit is visiting relatives and friends here over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crowley and children made a trip to Detroit Monday night.

Mrs. F. Brethower of Detroit is visiting her sister, Mrs. John LaMotte over Xmas.

Mrs. Lucile Baker of Bay City was in Grayling on business last Thursday and Friday.

Yes! Hathaway has lots of watches, \$1.00 a week if you cannot pay cash. See him today.

Mrs. John LaMotte, who underwent an operation at Mercy hospital, is getting along nicely.

E. S. Streeter left Thursday of last week for Durand to accept a position as filer in one of the mills there.

Miss Ruth Ryan, after several weeks spent with her sister, Mrs. A. J. Joseph, returned to her home in Clare, Mich.

The newly elected officers of Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. will be regularly installed next Wednesday night, December 27.

You can get four standard magazines one year for 25 cents extra by renewing your subscription to the Avalanche.

Any price booster will pay a thousand dollar fine when he can clean up ten thousand by doing it. Send the cusses to jail.

The Grange will hold an oyster dinner in the G. A. R. hall, on Saturday, January 6th. All Grangers are invited to be present.

Why not come here for your Xmas candy, and let us mix some good home made candy in with the other.

Coffee & Tea Store.

Taxes are now due and the rolls for the collection of state and county taxes are now at the Bank of Grayling, ready to receive payments.

A new lot of 25c China on display. Sorenson Bros.

No services nor Sunday school will be held in the Danish church next Sunday morning. However, evening services will be held, commencing at 5.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Addie Patterson, of Pittsford, Mich., arrived in Grayling Monday for her annual visit with Dr. and Mrs. Palmer. She will doubtless remain until spring.

Appropriate Christmas Presents for Your Wife: A new gown, a piano, an automobile, a thousand dollar check, a poodle dog and a kiss. She'll be happy and reasonably satisfied.

One more day to contribute toward the expenses of the municipal Christmas tree. Drop a little money in the mite boxes; they may be found in about every store and office in Grayling.

Books to give at Christmas time: "The Eyes of the World," "North of Fifty-three," "The Twins of Suffering Creek," "Contrary Mary," "A Son of the Sun," "Freckles," "Rose O'Paradise." Sorenson Bros.

The street commissioner wants the Avalanche to caution the citizens, especially the business men, not to put ashes into the street. There seems to be no reason why his request should not be fully complied with.

W. R. C. members take notice: There will be no meeting of Marvin, W. R. C., Friday, Dec. 22nd. The annual election of officers will be held at the regular meeting, Friday, Jan. 26th. All members are requested to be present.

The Christmas tree for the children of St. Mary's parish will be held in St. Mary's church next Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24th at 3:00 p. m. An appropriate program has been prepared by a committee from the Queen's Social club, which will be given.

Train No. 201 was over four hours late Monday afternoon, getting in here at 5:55. The same had been delayed in Detroit and Pinconning for several hours. Train No. 207 was six hours late yesterday, arriving about 10:00 a. m. Train wrecks were the cause of the delays.

"The Battle Cry of Peace," a nine reel photo play will be presented at the Opera House on Christmas day, next Monday. There will be two performances, one a matinee, will commence at 2:30 o'clock, in the afternoon. The evening performance will start at the usual time. The play features as its star, Mr. Chas. Richman. No one should fail to see this. Reserved seats are on sale at the Central Drug store. Prices of admission are 15, 25, and 35 cents.

A nice line of Sterling novelties at Hathaway's. See them.

Our electric motor for sewing machines or an electric iron will make an ideal Xmas present. For years will this present be appreciated.

Sorenson Bros.

Additional local news on other pages.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU and many of them



PREPARED AS NEVER BEFORE FOR CHRISTMAS



For Men and Young Men

A great showing of **SUITS** and **OVERCOATS**. We feature the celebrated **STYLEPLUS \$17** Clothes.

Other styles **\$8.00 to \$25.00**

Gift Suggestions

For Men and Boys

Gloves and Mitts
Belts and Suspenders
Garters
Sweaters
Caps
Hats
Socks
Pajamas
Bath Robes
Hockey Caps
Night Gowns
Stockings

Holiday Neckwear

The finest and largest selection of Holiday Neckwear for men that we have ever shown

25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50



Men's Kid Gloves

Lined or unlined, in gray and brown

\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50

Ladies' Gloves

In kid or cape kid and chamois

50c to \$2.00

Yarn Gloves 25c and 50c

Stylish Coats

We still have a good selection of stylish Coats and Suits for women, and very moderately priced.

Ladies' Waists

Ladies' Waists in Welworth and Wirthnor styles

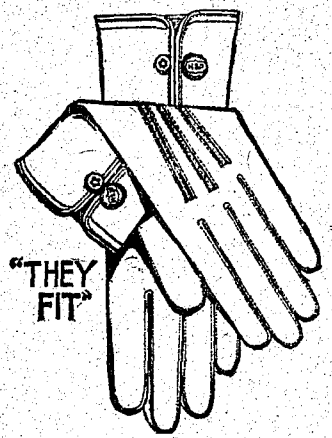
\$1, \$2 and up to \$4

Party Slippers

Ladies' Party Slippers in dull kid, patent and satin

\$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00

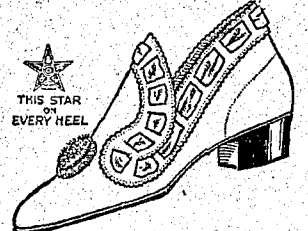
H&P GLOVES



"THEY FIT"

Comfy Slippers for Gifts

Felt Slippers of all kinds for children, women and men. Boudoir slippers in black, red and blue.



Handkerchiefs

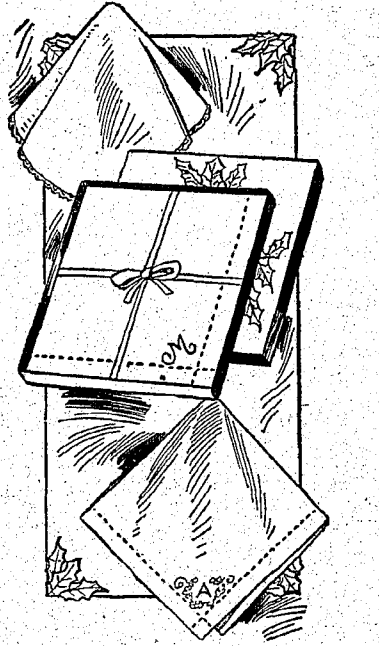
A wonderful array of Handkerchiefs. They are always in demand and make a useful gift

5c and up

Cuff Links 50c
Cuff Link Sets \$1.50
Scarf Pins 50c

Men's House Slippers

75c to \$2.00



Shoes! Shoes!! Shoes!!!

If you want a square deal, do your shoe buying here. Only all leather shoes with a guarantee back of every pair. We bought more than usual last spring and consequently can save you the advance which other stores are getting.

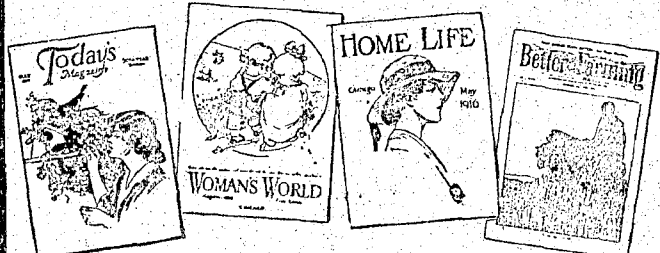


Do Your Christmas Shopping Here

Grayling Mercantile Co.

THE QUALITY STORE

\$1.75 FOUR MONTHLY MAGAZINES \$1.75
And Our Paper—All One Year



Get The Most For Your Money

By taking advantage of this remarkable offer now, you make a cash saving of \$1.10. You get a year's subscription to our paper and to these four splendid magazines—a total value of \$2.85 for only \$1.75.

This offer is open to old and new subscribers. If you are already a subscriber to any of these magazines, your subscription will be extended one year from date of expiration.

This offer also includes a **FREE** dress pattern. When you receive your first copy of Today's, select any dress pattern you desire, send your order to Today's Magazine, giving them the size and number of the pattern and they will send it to you free of charge.

Never before has any newspaper been able to offer magazines of such high character at this price. We are proud of this offer and we urge you to take advantage of it at once.

\$1.75 Send Your Order Before You Forget It \$1.75
The Magazines Will Stop Promptly When Time Is Up

KODAK

The gift that no sooner opened than it's used.

Kodaks \$6.00 and up.

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Advertising Space in this Paper is a Good Buy for any Business Man

Read Our Xmas Ads

Try Avalanche Want Ads for Results

The Quarterbreed

A Modern Indian Reservation
Story by Robert Ames Bennet

Capt. Floyd Hardy, U. S. A., coming to take charge of the agency at Lakotah Indian reservation, following the murder of Agent Nogen, rescues a quarterbreed girl and two men from an Indian attack. They are Reginald Vandervyn, agency clerk and nephew of Senator Clemmer; Jacques Dupont, post trader, and his daughter Marie. Hardy learns that Vandervyn had been promised the agency position, discovers that the Indians are disaffected because they have been cheated in a tribal mine which Vandervyn and Dupont have been working, is puzzled when his friendly speech to tribesmen, interpreted by Vandervyn's tool, angers the Indians, and determines to make further investigation. New influence arising at this point make his position difficult. How his life and honor are endangered through dark plotting is graphically described in this installment.

CHAPTER VIII—Continued.

Vandervyn had arranged to be gone a week. There was no cause to discuss the time of his return, and as Marie seldom mentioned him, Hardy was not often annoyed by the vision of the handsome young fellow interpersing between himself and the girl.

From day to day it could plainly be seen how the rides in the pure mountain air and the delight of the girl's companionship were bringing back strength and vigor to the officer's trophic-weakened body. Soon a healthy red appeared under the tan of his cheeks. The lines of severity and repressed grief began to smooth away.

On the morning of the seventh day, when he rode over to join Marie for a ride out to the butte on Wolf river, ten years seemed to have dropped from him. Even when he lifted his hat to the girl and exposed the silvered hair at his temples, he looked nearer twenty-five than thirty. He had shaved off his bristly mustache!

"Positively, captain," she bantered, "you startle me. You are growing so young! First thing I know, I shall be feeling myself a grandmother in contrast."

"Impossible," he gallantly replied. "You are the Spirit of Youth. Being with you is what makes me seem so much younger than I am. Yet I shall never see thirty-two again."

"You're barely of age this morning," she said, smiling at his shapely clean-shaven lip.

"In that case you must humor my callowness by pretending you need my aid to mount."

She put one small booted foot in his hand, rose with the lightness of a feather and perched herself sideways, her man's saddle. Unused to such strange behavior, the pony began to buck. Hardy sprang to seize the beast by the head. Marie waved him aside, and proceeded to give an impromptu exhibition of her skill as a horsewoman.

With one knee crooked around the horn of her saddle, she kept her difficult seat like a circus rider, until the pony subsided.

"You've ridden to hounds," stated Hardy as the girl swung astride and they started off down the valley.

She smiled with gratification. "Reggie never notices such things; but you—The first time I saw a side-saddle I thought it ridiculous."

On their way down the valley they met no one, for the families of the police had moved back to their old camp site opposite the agency. Marie suggested that they climb the butte.

With subtle coquetry, she gave Hardy the privilege of assisting her up the ledges, though, had she chosen, she could have outclimbed him. They mounted to the top of the highest crag, where they sat down on the bare rock to view the plains and mountains through Hardy's glasses.

The utter stillness and solitude, the immensity of the cloudless blue dome above them, the great sweep of the landscape—all tended to quiet the excitement of their lively ascent. A hush fell upon them.

Marie let the hand that held the glasses sink into her lap. She gazed off up the river, dreamy-eyed.

After a prolonged silence Hardy murmured in a half-whisper: "How alone we are! The world is young—it is the beginning of time. And in all the new, young world, you and I are alone—Marie."

It was the first time that he had ever used her given name in speaking to her. She started from her day-dream, the color deepening in her cheeks. In the same moment she became aware that she had been looking at a moving object.

"Look!" she said, lifting the glasses to her eyes. "That must be the head and shoulders of a man. He is riding along on the far side of the ridge—an Indian; his head is muffled in a blanket."

"Marie!" softly repeated Hardy. The girl sprang to her feet. "He has disappeared—but we are no longer alone in the world, Captain Hardy. Let us go down."

With instant repression of his disappointment, Hardy took the glasses and offered his hand to assist her down the first ledge. She ignored the offer. Nor did she permit him to help her at all during the descent.

Her pony leaped away with the usual jumping start of a bronco. The mare stopped clear of the low scrub near the ridge edge, out upon the sandy level of the coulee bottom. She was in the act of breaking into a trot when her rider's hat whirled from his head and he pitched sideways out of the saddle as if struck by lightning.

A moment later the report of the shot reached Marie. She glanced over her shoulder and saw Hardy outstretched on the ground, flaccid and inert. With a suddenness that almost threw her pony off his nimble feet, she wrenched him around. The mare had stopped within two strides, and twisted her head about to look at her fallen master. The manner in which he had fallen showed that the shot had come from up the coulee. Flushing herself from her pony, she plucked Hardy's

rifle out of its sheath and leveled it across the saddle. But she could see no sign of the assassin, and no second bullet came whirling across the coulee. Without a second look up the coulee, she bent over to rip the hem from her undershirt. This gave her a bandage. Her own and Hardy's handkerchiefs served for a compress. Swiftly she bound them on the long wound above his temple and stopped the bleeding.

When at last he opened his eyes, his head was in her lap. He gazed up into her down-bent face, his mind still in a daze. A frown of pain creased his forehead. He murmured, in the querulous tone of a sick child: "Mother—mother!"

Instinctively her soft hand began to smooth away the frown with a gentle, caressing touch. His eyes closed in restful contentment. The girl continued to stroke his forehead. Suddenly his eyelids lifted, and he looked up with the clear, bright gaze of full consciousness. He saw the womanly compassion in her beautiful face. Her eyes were tender and lustrous with sympathy for his suffering.

"Marie!" he murmured. "It is you! I—I thought my mother—"

"Hush!" she said. "You have been shot in the head. I do not know how serious it is."

"Shot?" In the head? He lay still, considering this. Her look had not altered under his gaze. From her utter lack of self-consciousness he divined that she thought him dangerously ill, not fatally wounded. After a pause, he began to speak with the calmness that sometimes masks the most profound feeling:

"You scarcely know me—but, in the circumstances, I trust you will pardon me for not waiting. I love you. From the first I thought you the most beautiful girl I had ever seen. Now I know you to be the most lovely—your soul as beautiful as your face. Do not shake your head. It is the truth."

She averted her shame-flushed face. "I—I cannot permit you to speak to me this way."

"You are too good and kind to refuse to hear me," he replied in the same calm voice. "I know about him. I know I have no chance, dear. He is a young and handsome; while I—I—the pale lips curved in a quizzical smile.

The girl's bosom heaved. The tears overran her brimming eyes. "You are—are generous! I did not think any man could be so generous!"

Again his lips curved whimsically. "Perhaps I am generous because there is no other course open. I would ask you—would you—marry me, if I thought I had even a fighting chance of winning you."

"Marry you? You would ask me? Yet you know what my father is like; and you army people are so proud. I, an Indian quarterbreed, and my father what he is!"

"My mother—passed away—only a few months ago. She was all I had. Now I shall always have the thought of your goodness in addition to the dear memory of her."

The girl turned her face still farther away from him. "I cannot endure—You shall not think of me that way!"

"I beg your pardon, Miss Dupont," he apologized. "It is most inconsiderate and ungenerous of me to lie here claiming your sympathy on false pretenses. I feel my strength coming back. It must be that the bullet merely grazed my head."

Before she could prevent him, he twisted about and raised himself on his elbow.

"Oh!" she remonstrated. "You should not move."

He forced a laugh between his clenched teeth.

"No, it's what I thought—only a scratch. All right now, except for a little dizziness. I have been imposing on your sympathy—Did you see where the shot came from? I must go and rout out the rascal."

The girl grasped his rifle and sprang up away from him.

"You shall not go," she declared. "I'm sure he ran away the moment you fell."

"Marie!" He murmured. "It is You!"

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Hardy straightened on his knees and rose unsteadily to his feet. His voice was as firm as his pose was tottery: "Be so kind as to help me to mount."

Hardy turned his mare down the coulee. Marie, despite his protests, rode between him and the ridge behind which she had seen the blanketed man.

CHAPTER IX.

The Coquette.

Unable to endure the jar of a trot or gallop, Hardy urged the mare to her fastest walk. They had gone less than a mile when a horseman came loping up the slope from Sioux creek.

"It is Mr. Vandervyn," said Hardy in an even tone.

"Yes," she replied. She handed back the glasses, but did not look at him until Vandervyn rode up.

The young man's face was flushed, as if he had been drinking. When he pulled up before them, he was seemingly so struck with Hardy's appearance that he scarcely heeded Marie's joyful greeting.

"What's the matter, captain?" he exclaimed. "You're as white as a ghost—and your head tied up! You must have come a nasty cropper."

"Bit of an accident. Not serious," replied Hardy.

"It could not well have been closer," said Marie. "Captain Hardy has been shot."

"Shot?" cried Vandervyn. "The bullet grazed the bone above the temple. Had it been half an inch lower or farther back, it must have killed him."

"Half an inch," repeated Vandervyn. His face crimsoned, and the veins of his forehead began to swell. "Where is the fellow? Did he get away? How long ago was it? Loan me the mare, Hardy. I'll run him down."

"Very good of you to offer," said Hardy. "But the rascal might ambush you. We'll order out a squad of police. Besides, I wish your report on your trip. I presume Redbear is at the agency."

"No," Vandervyn turned a scowling face towards the butte, as if angrily eager to be off in pursuit of the would-be assassin. "Charlie went back to Thunderbolt's camp to see if his sister was getting along all right with the old chief. I told him that if he was welcomed, he had better stay a few days. If he and the girl make themselves agreeable, we shall have a better chance to quiet the tribe."

"You found conditions still unfavorable?"

"Yes. All the chiefs took a violent dislike to you; and they had stirred up the whole tribe. Charlie and I talked and talked. You know a white man can talk Indians into anything, if he keeps at it."

"What result?" snapped Hardy.

Vandervyn shrugged. "I know we made some impression, especially on old Thunderbolt. The chiefs no doubt would be willing to let you visit the camps on safe conduct, so to speak; but I doubt if they could keep the wildest of the young bucks in hand. This shooting proves it. I tell you, captain, none of us here would think any the less of you if you cut the whole business."

"I shall start for the mountains tomorrow,"

"Tomorrow?" remonstrated Marie. "Your wound—you must wait at least until it has begun to heal. And in the meantime Redbear and Olna will be talking Ti-owa-konza and his camp into a mild murder."

"That last is a most excellent argument," said Hardy, and his firmly compressed lips curved in a smile at the girl. "I shall take your advice, Miss Dupont."

Vandervyn had frowned over the concern in Marie's voice. Hardy's response started the veins of his forehead swelling. He looked off away from the two, and remarked in a casual voice: "I'll ride in ahead and order out a squad of policemen to track down the scoundrel. Jake can interpret, if I'm unable to make them understand."

"Good!" said Hardy.

Vandervyn shot at Marie a glance of jealous anger, and put spurs to his pinto. But when they reached the valley and saw through the glasses the squad of police only just leaving the agency, Marie conjectured that the jaded pinto had slowed to a walk while going up the valley.

At last Marie and Hardy reached the agency. With the assistance of Vandervyn, who came out of the Dupont house to meet them, he was helped down from his mare to a cot in the shady porch. Here in the open air Marie washed the wound and took several stitches to draw the edges together.

During the operation, which Hardy endured without a groan, Vandervyn stood by, watching Marie's face with sullen jealousy. The moment she had rebanded the wound, he suggested that it would be well to leave Hardy quiet. In reply she asked him to go for ice. When he returned, he found her sitting beside the cot, fan in hand. Hardy had fallen asleep. She rose and went into the house, and Vandervyn followed her.

The young man made no attempt to conceal his anger. He closed the parlor door and turned upon her accusingly. "So that's what you've been up to all the time I've been away?"

"Up to what, pray?"

"Coquetting with that old fossil of a tin soldier."

"Am I not a dutiful daughter?" the girl parried. "Mon pere said I must make myself agreeable to the agent."

"He did?"

"Why not go and ask him, if you doubt what I say?"

"I don't. That's just it—damn it all!"

The girl's eyes flashed with resentment, but her voice was sweetly mocking: "Oh, Mr. Vandervyn—how can you? Captain Hardy never wore once during all our delightful rides."

"You've been riding with him every day?"

"All except one. I've been sorry ever since that I missed that one. He was invariably courteous. He is a gentleman."

"You infer that I am not?" exclaimed Vandervyn. "So he's courteous and smooth and slick, is he? One might know that you've been raised in the backwoods."

"You forget I spent four years at the capital of Canada."

"In a convent! No wonder you've let him play you."

The girl met the jeer with a tantalizing smile.

"It has been a most amusing game. He treats me with as much respect as if I were a young lady of his own set."

"There's no one else here for him to flirt with."

"That is an advantage, is it not?" The girl dropped into her English manner. "I daresay he will forget me as soon as he gets back to civilization—unless I decide to accept his proposal."

Vandervyn stared at her cynically.

"You needn't try to rag me, Marie. She smiled. 'So you do doubt what I say. Yet it is true. Captain Hardy did me the honor of declaring that he wished to marry me.'"

"Hardy asked you?—he, a captain in the regular army?"

"And I a quarterbreed, the daughter of my father. Amazing, is it not?"

Vandervyn caught himself up as he saw the proud humility of her expression. It was a new look to him. He had often seen her proud, but never humble. His jealousy flared: "How did you answer him? You didn't accept—you refused the old board-bank!"

"Yes and no, that is, not yet," the girl teased.

Vandervyn stepped close and grasped her arm.

"Be so kind as to release me, Mr. Vandervyn."

"You coquette! You're trying to play me against him."

"So that is what you think of me?" The girl wrenched herself free and turned from him haughtily.

He stepped forward, and again grasped her arm. His voice shook with jealous anger: "You shall have nothing to do with him! He shall not have you!"

"Indeed! May I ask what right you have to dictate?"

"You love me, that is why," he flung back at her. "You love me, Marie. You can't deny it. His voice sank to a deep, ardent, golden note that sent a tremor through her. 'You are mine—mine! You know it. Your arm quivers—that look in your eyes! You cannot hide your love, Marie—sweetheart!'"

He sought to embrace her. But again she wrenched herself free from him. She could no longer feign hauteur. Her face was rosy with blushes; her bosom heaved; her eyes, behind their veiling lashes, glowed with tender passion. Yet she kept her head despite the intoxicating ardor of his look. Unlike Olna, she was not so unsophisticated as he persisted in thinking her.

"You take a good deal for granted, Mr. Vandervyn," she attempted a smothered tone. "I am not yet your sweetheart, nor am I so sure I shall be."

He came nearer to her, his eyes the color of violets and sparkling with tiny golden gleams. He held out his arms. His voice was low and enticing: "Sweetheart—sweetheart!"

She swayed toward him, checked herself in the act of yielding, and eluded his grasp.

"No!" she cried. "You're a bit too sure. I've no mother, halfbreed or otherwise, to advise me, my dear Reggie. I must be my own chaperon. You charge Captain Hardy with trying to play me. Yet when he spoke to me of his love he also spoke of marriage."

Vandervyn's eyes narrowed and as quickly widened in their most childish stare.

"How can you, Marie?" he reproached. "You say that as if you think I have been trifling with you all these months, when you know as well as I—But of course, if you do not trust me, I have no show against him. He is free. I am, as you know, tied down by the uncertainty of my position."

"That is quite sad, is it not?" she mocked. "I am rather more fortunate. Whether or not there is any uncertainty about my position, I am not bound to anyone, nor am I bound to bind myself to anyone."

"Why are you so hard to me?" he pleaded. "You know that if my uncle got even a hint that I am interested in a girl out here it would be all off with me. He doesn't know what you are like, and it would be impossible in writing to convince him how charming you are."

"What a misfortune! Only, as it happens, I have no wish to marry Senator Clemmer. He already has a wife."

"That's just it—a wife and half a dozen daughters. It's all out and dried that I am to marry Ella, the oldest unmarried one."

"Ah—so that is why—" faltered Marie, the rich color ebbing from her cheeks. But she was only momentarily overcome. Her spirit rallied almost as soon as it drooped. "It is most kind of you, Mr. Vandervyn, to tell me the delightful secret. Permit me to congratulate you."

His brows peaked in a doleful frown.

"You are cruel to take it that way. I don't love the girl. You ought to know that—you do know it! Can't you see that the hole I'm in? Even if it wasn't for Ella, they'd all think of you as an agency girl. I wouldn't stand a ghost of a show of being appointed agent when Hardy quits."

"Does he intend to quit?"

"If you turn him down, he'll leave just as soon as he finds the tribe still against him. Then—don't you see, sweetheart?—I shall get the appointment as agent. Your father and I can rip into the little old mine as fast as we please. It's a real mine, sweetheart. In a few months we'll have enough ore shipped to the smelter for me to cut loose from my uncle and do as I please. You know what that means."

Again he came toward her, his eyes softly glowing, his arms open to embrace her. And again she eluded him.

Dupont paused with a knife of food halfway to his mouth to agree with his daughter: "Ain't none of 'em what wants to lift her scalp. She'd be safer to me and you, Mr. Van—which is good as saying dead safe."

"Yet if I should be attacked?" said Hardy.

"If you are, it won't be no general outbreak, Cap. It will be a few young bloods—n-laying for you, or maybe just one, like the buck done down at the coulee."

"You see," argued Marie. "You are the only one in danger of attack. If Reggie and I go, as well as Pere, there will be that much less chance of a small party firing at you."

"Very well," acquiesced Hardy. "I rely on your father's judgment. If there is the slightest chance of danger to you, he should know it. But as you are to be with the party, I shall take along a squad of police. Mr. Vandervyn, you may remain in charge of the agency, if you prefer."

"No, thanks," snapped Vandervyn. "If you intend to let Marie run the risk of getting into a massacre, I most certainly shall go along."

The girl was unusually gracious to Hardy at supper. At breakfast she divided her smiles between the two with strict impartiality. But when, shortly before sunrise, the party started off up the valley, Hardy began talking about tribal customs with Dupont and became so engrossed in the discussion that he failed to give his usual courteous attention to Marie. Vandervyn was quick to make the most of the girl's pique. The half-dozen Indian police of the escort were strung out in front with the pack horses. He suggested that it would be well to avoid the dust by getting in the lead.

Do you believe that Marie is deliberately aiding the plotters against Hardy, and do you fear an ambush for the new agent on this visit to the Indians?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

CAUGHT MAMMA TELLING FIB

Small and Well-Meant "White Lie" Gave Little Girl Opportunity for Sarcasm.

In a certain western city there lives a little girl who is a good deal of a romancer. The truth in her hands becomes sadly twisted, and is frequently lost sight of altogether. This propensity for yarns has bothered her mother a great deal. She has talked to the little girl in a serious way, and not long ago she told her that even if papa and mamma didn't find out about her naughty stories, God knew, because he was always present. This seemed to make quite an impression on the little maid, and her mamma hoped it would be lasting.

The family washerwoman, who has long been a retainer of the household, gave the little girl a fancy matchbox for a Christmas present. Of course, the small damsel immediately wanted to fill it with matches, and as matches were the cause of a bad burning she had received not long before, her mamma didn't want her to play with the new gift. Well, it disappeared after a day or two—lost, perhaps, or stolen, or possibly given away. It was certainly gone.

A day or two later the washerwoman was hanging the clothes in the back yard, and the mistress came out of the house and spoke to her.

"And has Grace got her matchbox yet?" inquired the domestic.

"Not wishing to hurt the good woman's feelings the mistress indulged in a small white lie.

"Oh, yes," she said. "It's put away carefully upstairs."

As she turned to enter the door she saw Grace standing in the doorway with a decidedly sarcastic grin on her face.

"Well, mamma," she said, as her parent stepped in, "I guess you must have thought that God wasn't in the back yard this morning."

And mamma didn't say a word.

The Indian Languages.

The bureau of American ethnology of the Smithsonian institution, which conducts studies and investigations among the Indians, is constantly bombarded with requests for "the Indian word" for this and that. It may be worth while to explain to the public, therefore, that there is no one American Indian language. On the contrary there are about 1,000 languages in the two Americas, and practically 500 distinct Indian languages north of Mexico. It becomes, then, impossible to give "the" Indian word for any English equivalent, and consequently it is usually chosen from the language of the tribe which inhabits, or once inhabited, the particular section of the country from which the request comes; for example, the word may be chosen from the Sioux, Delaware, Cherokee, Seneca, Zuni or other language.

Ragweed.

The North American species of ragweed is sometimes called the bitter weed. It is a rough branching plant, grows from one to three feet high, and grows everywhere. Its pollen is regarded as the cause of hay fever. Its stem is stout and hairy and the flowers are green and inconspicuous.

Wasted Effort.

Daughter—Father, our domestic science professor is teaching us how to spend money—

Parent (interrupting)—Why doesn't he teach fish how to swim?—Pitt Panther.

Unobservant of Vandervyn's look,



"You've Been Riding With Him Every Day?"

this time with no hesitancy or wavering. Her smile showed she was once more in control of her emotions.

"Aren't you rather previous, Reggie?" she asked, from the other side of the tea table. "We are not yet engaged."

"You coquette!" he cried. "You know I can't formally propose to you until I have got rid of Ella."

"How honorable you are!" she praised him, and he could detect no irony in her voice or look.

Vandervyn stifled an oath. "By—I'll have you yet! You shan't get away from me!"

"Indeed?" she mocked, though she quivered from the passionate ardor in his voice. To cover her emotion she shrugged as only a woman of French blood can shrug. "That is to be seen, Mr. Vandervyn. And now, if you'll kindly excuse me, I must give a fair share of my time to my other devoted suitor."

She slipped out onto the porch before Vandervyn could interfere. He muttered a curse and went into the dining room to get one of Dupont's whisky bottles out of the dainty little sideboard.

CHAPTER X.

At the Broken Mountain.

When, at dusk, Dupont rode up to his house, Hardy was still on the cot on the porch. Vandervyn stood at the far end, puffing hard at a cigar as he watched Dupont approach.

The sound of the trader's bluff voice awakened Hardy from his doze and brought Marie to the door.

"No, not a track; not one single sign nowhere," Dupont was saying to Vandervyn. "Thought I'd ride in and send out more of the place with food."

"Very good," said Hardy. "We must track down the man, else others may follow his example."

The next day the search for the would-be assassin was continued, with no better results than the first

CANADA AGAIN A PRIZE WINNER

Highest Premiums Awarded at
Many Exhibitions.

The Fall fair season is past and a retrospect of them shows that Western Canada is stronger than ever in the matter of exhibits, and has taken more than her usual share of the prize money. From Western Canada to Texas is a long look, from Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba to the southwestern corner of Texas is several days' journey, but the enterprising farmers from this new country to the northwest were wide awake to the possibilities that waited them at the International Dry Farming Congress held at El Paso, Texas, a few weeks ago, to bring to the attention of those in that far-off corner what the land of Western Canada could do in the production of grains and roots from its soil. And what did these farmers do? The first thing was to carry off the first prize and sweepstakes for wheat. That was a foregone conclusion, for it has now become an established fact that nowhere else in the world is there grown wheat of the high character and market value of Western Canadian wheat. The same may be said of oats, of barley and of rye. But when it came to notice that Western Canada took first prize for alfalfa, it was then that more special attention was given to the products from Western Canada. It showed that in that country there lies the opportunity for supplementing the wonderful native grasses so full of nutrition that with the famed varieties, among them being alfalfa, the cattle with no other food were fattened and fitted for the shambles. Western Canada's worth was proved as probably the greatest mixed farming portion of the continent. When the steers from the Western Canadian prairies reach the Chicago stockyards they bring the top price and outweigh those from other places where grass fattening is the process. But it was not only in grains that Western Canada carried off the highest honors at the El Paso exhibition. Potatoes, parsnips, beets, carrots and rutabagas also took the highest honors. In root production this country is becoming favorably known.

The question often arises as to markets. There is always the highest price awaiting the producer, and as soon as the Hudson Bay Railway, now about completed, reaches the Bay, there will be an additional outlet for the product of the farm. The Pacific coast route, via the Panama canal, will give another outlet of which full advantage may be taken. With virgin land selling at from \$15 to \$20 per acre, and improved farms at reasonable prices and on easy terms, there is no better opportunity for the man with limited means and a desire to secure a home at the least cost in a country where he can soon become wealthy, as thousands of others have done, than in Western Canada. To the man with less means and who is prepared to accept a farm of 160 acres free, the Dominion Government offers him his choice in districts that have land of the highest type, but at present being from ten to twenty miles from a railway. The Peace River country, now being opened for settlement and reached by railway affords excellent opportunity to the homesteader. To secure information as to Western Canadian lands write the Canadian Government agent, whose name appears elsewhere in this paper.—Advertisement.

Irish Wit Triumphant.
An Irish waiter named Kenny was noted for his wit and ready answers. A party of gentlemen who were staying at the hotel heard of Kenny's wit, and one of them made a bet that he would say something that Kenny couldn't answer at once.

A bottle of champagne was ordered, and the one who had made the bet took hold of the bottle and commenced to open it. The cork came out with a bang and flew into Kenny's mouth. "Ah," he said, "that is not the way to cork!"

"Kenny took the cork out of his mouth and replied:

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Itching Scalp and Falling Hair With Cuticura. Trial Free.

On retiring touch spots of dandruff and itching with Cuticura Ointment. Next morning shampoo with Cuticura Soap and hot water. A clean, healthy scalp means good hair and freedom, in most cases, from dandruff, itching, burning, crustings and scalings. Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

To Clean White Paint.
To clean white paint that has not been varnished put upon a plate some of the best whiting; have ready some clean, warm water and a piece of flannel. Dip into the water and squeeze nearly dry; then take as much whiting as will adhere to it, apply to the paint, when a little rubbing will instantly remove any dirt or grease. Wash off well with water and rub dry with a soft cloth. Paint thus cleaned looks equal to new and without doing the least injury to the most delicate color. It will preserve the paint much longer than if cleaned with soap and it does not require more than half the time usually occupied in cleaning.

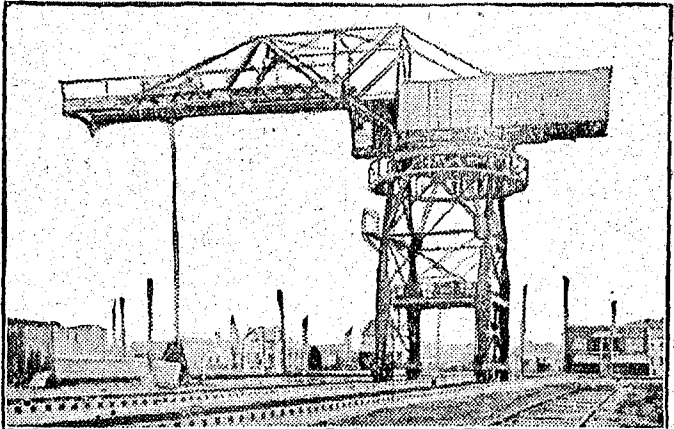
A pear tree on the farm of J. E. Engle, of Shoenakersville, Pa., one hundred and sixty-three years old, is bearing fruit.

A tiny electric lamp is mounted on the handle of a safety razor of English invention.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
To get the genuine, call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE, and see that W. W. GRIFFIN, Cures a Cold in One Day, is on the label.

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BIG UNLOADING CRANE USED IN STORAGE YARD



For handling large quantities of coal, stone, sand, and similar materials in its storage yard, a western railway has erected a giant crane that operates along a 1,000-foot track. As an indication of the size of the great machine, the cantilever truss measures 62½ feet from its outer edge to the center of rotation. This distance corresponds to the radius of the circle that the crane is capable of describing when in use. The rails on which the machine is mounted are 16 feet apart and imbedded in heavy concrete. Electric power is employed for operating purposes, and every movement of the machine is under the ready control of one man. The "clamshell" will hold about five tons of sand.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

STOPS THE SMOKE

ENGINES USING PULVERIZED COAL ABATE NUISANCE.

Device Thoroughly Tested in Active Service by Leading Railroad, and Shows Marked Saving in Fuel Consumption.

In spite of ordinances designed to reduce the great tonnage of soot that descends annually upon our cities, few manufacturing municipalities can yet claim to have secured marked relief from the "smoke nuisance." But relief is apparently in sight, and is a totally unexpected source. We refer to the successful development of the process of burning powdered coal for generating steam in locomotive and other boilers. Engineering and Contracting says:

Pulverized lumps 85 per cent of it passes a screen having 200 meshes to the inch, "soft coal" gives an almost smokeless flame when blown into a fire box with air. The quantity of air is automatically regulated by the quantity of powdered coal, so that careless firing, such as is now inevitable with hand stoking, can not occur.

Between Chicago and Milwaukee, a railroad placed in service, a year ago, a passenger locomotive equipped for burning pulverized coal. It has been thoroughly tested in active service, and has demonstrated a marked saving in fuel. According to tests published in the Railway Age Gazette, this locomotive evaporated 13 per cent more water per pound of coal and consumed 18 per cent less coal on the runs between Chicago and Milwaukee than was required with a similar locomotive fired with lump coal in the ordinary manner. Moreover, a much cheaper grade of coal was used on the locomotive burning pulverized coal.

In firing up the cold locomotive only 750 pounds of powdered coal were required, as against 1,700 pounds of lump coal. But an even greater point in favor of powdered coal is the ability to shut off the fire entirely while standing still. Thus the fire can be entirely shut off for about half an hour, yet in five minutes after it is started again the boiler is up to full pressure. This saving in fuel while standing idle makes powdered coal particularly desirable for switching locomotives.

The switching engines in the freight yards of cities and the engines that are getting up steam or standing with banked fires, cause a very large part of the "smoke nuisance" which has been so greatly deplored in all large cities. It would seem now that, as far as locomotives are concerned, this nuisance need no longer be tolerated. We go further and predict that all large steam power plants in cities will eventually use powdered coal, not only because it will prove to be more economical, but because a smokeless city can be secured in this way.

Bringing Sunken Ships to Surface.

The new method of raising sunken ships developed by Dr. S. P. Portella of Rio de Janeiro is claimed to be effective at any depth divers can reach. A specially designed tender is provided with various folded floats of waterproof material, and these are attached by divers to different parts of the interior and exterior of the sunken vessel. As air is forced through hose connected to the tender, the floats expand into spheres, cylinders, and other forms thought to be best adapted to their places. Their buoyancy gradually increases as they displace water in and about the wreck, and when it becomes sufficient they float the load to the surface.

Now the Paper Spoon.

Under the title, "Sanitary spoon," a New York inventor has just taken out a patent for a spoon made of stiffened paper which will doubtless meet with demand from ice cream parlors, soda fountains and similar places. As it is full size it is more convenient than the miniature tin spoon now in vogue at most pleasure resorts. It will also be much cheaper to manufacture. The paper spoon has a blank for the bowl, which is pressed into the proper concave shape, while the paper above it is rolled to give the requisite stiffness to the handle.

No Fear.

"Some women would be willing to make a husband stay at home and do the cooking."

"Henrietta wouldn't," replied Mr. Meekton. "She wouldn't trust me with anything so important."

A True Fan.

"How much does a motion picture star get?"

"I don't know. But I don't see why she should need it. She can see all the motion pictures she wants to for nothing."

RAIL SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA

Immense Sums Appropriated to Train Both Technical and Administrative Officials.

The Russian minister of ways of communication has just approved a project for railroad technical education, involving an initial expenditure of 25,000,000 rubles. This is the largest railroad education project that has ever been undertaken by any country in the world.

The unprecedented rapidity with which new railroads are being constructed throughout Russia and Siberia has resulted in a marked shortage of railway engineers and technicians, and an equally great number in the administrative and commercial lines.

Moreover, railroads building plans for the future contemplate the formation of a network of lines, extending in every direction throughout the empire. Russia has perceived the advantage of rapid transportation as a primary means to commercial prosperity. The Moscow Institute of Railroad Engineers and the Petrograd Institute of Railroad Engineers are co-operating with the minister of ways of communication in the organization of this stupendous plan. The two institutes are to be considerably enlarged. The Moscow institute, as the commercial and railroad center of Russia, will expend the sum of 5,000,000 rubles on new buildings and extension of equipment. The Petrograd institute, of importance because of its relation to government questions, will expend the sum of 1,000,000 rubles to the same end.

Railroad engineering institutes are to be established in the principal cities of the empire, especially in the South. It is hoped that Odessa, Kiev and Kharkov will be among the first. The project also includes the training of all classes of subordinates in railroad work. Twenty secondary railroad schools are to be organized immediately, as well as 40 lower railroad schools for the training of railroad mechanics.

NOT NOW AS IT USED TO BE

Forty Millions to Be Spent for New Depot for Road That Paid Small Salaries.

Americans are so used to swallowing great sums of money at a gulp that no amount daunts them. Here is the Pennsylvania railroad planning to spend \$40,000,000 to get into Detroit, Girard writes in the Philadelphia Ledger.

Do any stockholders object or talk about depositing President Rea for extravagance? Not a murmur. But once things were otherwise.

William C. Patterson, who was the second president of the Pennsylvania railroad, lost his position because he paid \$260,000 for the Powlton tract in West Philadelphia, which was needed for a station and other purposes. The land is now worth many times that, but stockholders yelled "profligacy" and started a campaign to elect J. Edgar Thomson president. Thomson won, and a telling argument made in his favor was that he would combine the office of chief engineer with that of president, and thus save the former's salary of \$5,000. That was the wages paid to the man who had surveyed the route for the Pennsylvania across the Allegheny mountains!

Makes Quicker Stop.

New airplanes that have been adopted by a large eastern railroad reduce by 600 feet or more the distance in which a heavy train running at 60 miles an hour can be stopped.

Life of Freight Cars.

There are two and a half millions of freight cars in the country, and their average life is somewhere about twenty years.

Electricification.
Electrification of steam railroads in the United States last year brought the total of such equipment up to about 2,500 miles.

The Thrust Feminine.

"I have a killing desire of electric blue."

"Yes, I should think, with your complexion, the shock would be fatal."

Playing Safe.

"Whom are you cheering for?"

"I don't know yet," replied the man with his ear to the ground. "I'm observing the election to see how it works out and I'll announce my opinions tonight."

Good Idea.

"I have a commission to depict the patron god of theft. How would you represent him?"

"After one of these Buddhist deities, as four-handed."—Louisville Courier-Journal

SCANDINAVIAN NEWS

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT HAP- PENINGS IN FAR OFF NORTHLAND.

ITEMS FROM THE OLD HOME

Resume of the Most Important Events in Sweden, Norway and Denmark—Of Interest to the Scandinavians in America.

In the interest of co-operation among the Scandinavian nations already three general meetings have taken place; one in Sweden—the first—the second in Denmark, and the third in Christiania. There will be others as occasion demands. But as to just what transpired no one is certain, despite the official communiques handed out after each. Norway, Sweden and Denmark have agreed, it is certain now: To act together on all questions affecting their neutrality; to take joint steps regarding blacklists by belligerent powers; to inquire jointly into commercial espionage, or acts whereby foreign countries come into possession of trade secrets of the three Scandinavian countries; to establish a working basis for commercial co-operation after the war; to reach an agreement concerning Scandinavian shipping, the effects of the allied blockade and of German U-boats; to agree on steps necessary to maintain their neutrality. This much the three countries are known to have discussed, but it is generally believed that they even became to all intents and purposes allies for purposes of future defense.

SWEDEN.

That Sweden must at best wait some five years before complete enfranchisement of its women, but that the goal will ultimately be reached not only there but in other "backward" countries, is the firm conviction of the National Swedish Woman's Suffrage association, which has just concluded its annual convention. There are now nearly 17,000 women enrolled in the association and some 200 branch organizations. Particularly gratifying to the leaders was the report of a growth of interest among the country's clergy, as well as among men generally. Men's associations for woman suffrage were formed during the year at Christianstad and Malmo, and some of the best-known Swedish men are beginning to interest themselves actively in the movement. Most of this progress is the work of only 14 years, although efforts to improve the position of women generally were begun at an early period. Sweden standing in the front rank of European countries in this respect. It was not until 1902, however, that a definite organized movement to secure votes for women was begun. The impetus for this was given by a man, Burgomaster C. A. Lindhagen, who was also a member of the second chamber of the riksdag, presented a woman suffrage bill in the lower house. It was defeated by 111 to 64. The first notable victory was in 1903, when both chambers of the riksdag decided to petition the government to investigate the subject of woman suffrage. Premier Staaf presented a woman suffrage bill in 1912 as a government bill, and it was supported by the constitutional committee of the riksdag. The upper chamber defeated it, 86 to 58, but the lower chamber gave 140 votes for it to 66 against. Miss Signe Bergman, president of the National Woman Suffrage association, believes that the world war will have a great influence toward equal suffrage rights. "Ever since the woman suffrage movement started," she said, "one of the chief arguments against it has been the assertion that women were incapable of defending their country. But in all the belligerent countries we see the women doing war work which is hardly if at all less important than the actual fighting. It is not conceivable that the war could have been carried on so long without woman's help, and it is difficult to see how the opponents of woman suffrage can refute the logic of this fact."

Despite the fact that the queen of Sweden is German and the crown princess, her daughter-in-law, is English, it is said they never have clashed over the war. The queen of Sweden, formerly princess of Baden, has the reputation of being one of the most intelligent women in Sweden. From the start of the war she has been a center of pro-German sentiment. But the crown princess, formerly Princess Margaret of Connaught, is said to be the most tactful of women, and the combination of intelligence and tact has prevented rupture between mother-in-law and son's wife—a relation notoriously hard to maintain.

Old Church Spire Must Go.

The spire of the old Congregational church in Greenwich, Conn., whose peak is the highest point between New York city and New London, has been condemned. The church, it is said, is the richest in Connecticut. Its spire has been used for years as a steering guide by vessels.

Prefer It Light.

A whole lot of newly married men want to know why anyone should object to a loaf of bread being under weight.

NORWAY.

The ship on which Capt. Roald Amundsen will sail to the North pole will be launched at Christiania in March. It will be of 800 tons, a three-masted schooner equipped with an auxiliary oil motor of 240 horse power. It will carry a crew of ten men, two of whom will be Americans, the rest Norwegians. Two were with Captain Amundsen in the northwest passage and at the South pole. They are Helmer Hansen and Adolf Lindstrom, the captain's old cook. "By heading into the ice several hundred miles east of where Nansen began his drift," said Captain Amundsen at the Chicago club a few days ago, "I believe I will have a stronger northward current and will be carried close to the pole. Nansen drifted to 85 degrees and then made his famous dash to 88 degrees, 14 minutes, which was the highest north then. By starting my drift farther east and at about 72 degrees north latitude, I believe I will reach 88 degrees at least, and possibly 89. If I achieve the former latitude, I will be within 120 miles of the pole. I expect to reach 88 degrees after a drift of a year and a half or two years. In that time I will have drifted half across the polar pack, which is 1,800 to 2,000 miles wide. From my highest point north, I will set sail in my airplanes for the pole. I should make the air voyage from the ship to the pole in an hour or so. The flight would be impossible in the darkness of the arctic winter. I should like to make it around June 21, when the sun is farthest north and the polar region is bathed in constant day. I hope to remain 24 hours at the pole. Only myself and my aviator, who will be an American, will make the flight to the pole. I expect my drifting voyage across the polar basin to occupy three years. I will take along a thorough scientific equipment. I expect to bring back much valuable data regarding prevailing winds, air currents, air temperatures, sea currents, sea temperatures, salinity of arctic water and so on. I will make frequent airplane flights. Rising to a height of 2,000 or 3,000 feet, I shall be able to survey the region within a radius of 100 miles or more. I expect to see Crockerland, which Peary discovered far to the west of his march to the pole, and which Donald MacMillan failed to find. Despite MacMillan's failure, I believe the land is there. Peary, I think, saw a mirage of it. It probably lies farther to the west than Peary thought. The drift of the polar pack is less than two miles a day. Relics from the Jonetta, positively identified, washed ashore on the south coast of Greenland three years after the wreck of De Long's vessel." Captain Amundsen's new ship, he says, will cost \$100,000. It will be of stout oak timbers, with sides three feet thick and heavier about bows and stern. At the mouth of the Yenisei river in Siberia he will take on 25 dogs, a new supply of oil, fresh meat, eggs, butter and potatoes from the farmlands about Krasnoyarsk. His vessel and his sledges will be equipped with wireless telegraph, so exploring parties may keep in touch with the ship. The Aero Club of America will supply the airplane and the aviator. Captain Amundsen sailed through the northwest passage on the Gjøa, a sloop of 47 tons, with a crew of seven men, in 1903-06. He discovered the South pole December 14, 1911, after a thrilling race against Capt. Robert Scott. The gallant Englishman arrived at the pole January 17, 1912; found Amundsen's victorious flag planted there, and, heartbroken, turned back for the sea. With his provisions exhausted, he perished in a blizzard only a day's journey from his ship.

DENMARK.

The Møllerskjold is rich in clams, which so far have not been utilized to any considerable extent. Now a young Dane has induced some Norwegians to assist him in bringing this food to market. Five boats will be engaged in scraping up the clams and carrying them to a cannery which will soon be ready for business. The enterprise is backed by a capital of \$40,000.

A public speaker was explaining the new "employers' insurance law" at Grenaa. To illustrate how strict the law is, he said, "Why, you even have to insure your washwoman." Then a man in the audience shouted: "Is it also required to insure midwives?" The speaker was ready for his heckler: "Yes, midwives must be insured if they are employed regularly."

If the plebiscite on sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States on December 14 results in a majority in favor of the retention of the islands, the government will resign, Peter Munch, minister of defense, stated at a public meeting.

The crown prince of Denmark has composed a piece of music which has been called "The Dream." It was formally dedicated to his mother, Queen Alexandra.

Danish postbags in the mail car of a train traveling through Holstena were found to be overflowing with greasy matter. They had been lying near the radiator. The grease was melted butter; small parts of butter, sufficient for perhaps a couple of sandwiches, were being sent to people in Germany in letters at full postal rates.

Rather Mixed.

"Did you vote wet or dry?"

"I was going to vote wet, but my wife threw cold water on my purpose, so I voted dry."

A Rugged American.

"A belted earl once proposed to this helmsman on bonded knee."

"Fancy that! I presume her family was pleased?"

"Her mother was delighted, but her father expressed a savage wish to belt the earl himself."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Still Cling to Cisterns.

There still are in use in New Orleans about four thousand cisterns, according to reports to the sewerage and water board.

HIGH COST OF LIVING

This is a serious matter with housekeepers as food prices are constantly going up. To overcome this, cut out the high priced meat dishes and serve your family more St. Louis Macaroni and Spaghetti, the cheapest, most delicious and most nutritious of all foods. Write the Skinner Mfg. Co., Omaha, Neb., for beautiful cook book, telling how to prepare it in a hundred different ways. It's free to every woman.—Adv.

Power of Observation.

Even in the pursuit of other studies the power of observation is of paramount importance. Watch a class of children in a school and see how some seem positively incapable of seeing or hearing; they will strain every nerve to copy the exercises on the blackboard, and yet there will be mistakes; they will listen to an explanation and yet when it comes to a repetition it seems as though the sound of the words had never gone further than the outer ear; in fact, they cannot study because they have never learned to take the first step in that direction through training of the senses. All knowledge, you know, comes through the senses, and the more widely open we throw these doors the more knowledge we may hope to have come streaming in to enlighten the mind.

Higher Education.

Mrs. Brown called at the home of Mrs. Jones to talk over the fashions and things, and somewhere about the sixty-fifth lap of the conversation the caller referred to the young daughter of the host. "By the way, dear," remarked Mrs. Brown inquisitively, "where is Minnie? I haven't seen her for an age?" "Minnie is at college," proudly responded the fond mother, and then added: "And I am so worried about her. I haven't had a letter for nearly two weeks." "There is where you make a mistake," was the prompt rejoinder of Mrs. Brown. "Instead of letting her go to college why don't you send her to one of those correspondence schools?"

SWAMP-ROOT STOPS SERIOUS BACKACHE

When your back aches, and your bladder and kidneys seem to be disordered, remember it is needless to suffer—go to your nearest drug store and get a bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. It is a physician's prescription for diseases of the kidneys and bladder.

It has stood the test of years and has a reputation for quickly and effectively giving results in thousands of cases. This prescription was used by Dr. Kilmer in his private practice and was so very effective that it has been placed on sale everywhere. Get a bottle, 50c and \$1.00, at your nearest drugist.

However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Adv.

The Shoe Pinched.

A preacher at the close of one of his sermons said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to their feet. "Now, every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception, a careworn, hungry-looking individual, clothed in his last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "you are the only man not able to meet his obligations?"

"I run a newspaper," he answered meekly. "And the brethren here who stood up are my subscribers, and—"

"Let us pray," exclaimed the minister.

The Old Yellow Pumpkin.

How dear to your heart is the old yellow pumpkin, when orchards are barren of stuffing for pies; when peaches and apples have both been a failure, and berries no longer dazzle my eyes. Then fondly I turn to the fruit of the cornfield—the fruit country lads are taught to despise—the old yellow pumpkin, the nut-covered pumpkin, the pot-bellied pumpkin, that makes such good pies.

Women are employed as brakemen on passenger trains in England.

Hamilton, O., has celebrated its one hundred and twenty-fifth birthday.

Boschee's German Syrup
For 51 years has been the quickest, safest, and best remedy for colds, coughs, croup, and sore throat. It acts like magic soothing and healing the lungs, the very first organs to feel out of order when one catches cold. 25c and 75c sizes at all Druggists and Dealers. Keep a bottle always handy.

Nature in Line.
"Daughter, do you think you really need all that red on your cheeks? Aren't nature's ways the best?"
"They suit me, dad. Ever see anything redder than the leaves on your-der tree?"

Then the Row Started.
"Casey is me pettiest friend, O'd have ye know."

"G'wan! If he was pettiest, he wouldn't be yer friend."

Spain has erected a new wireless station at Cape Juby, on the Atlantic coast of Africa.

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Local News

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Christmas candies, 10 to 20 cents per pound, at Holiday's Bazaar.

Lieut. Hardin Sweeney left Saturday to spend a few days with friends in Bay City.

Mrs. Lake of Lewiston is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William North.

Lowell Fox and wife returned to Grayling today from Florida, where they had been for the past year.

Headquarters for Xmas candies and nuts. Biggest assortment of pure candy in town. Coffee & Tea Store.

Ranf Bros. showed at the Temple theatre the last three nights of last week, and were quite well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcomb McLeod of Riverview left Tuesday for Lansing, where they intend to spend the winter.

DeVere Burgess and family left Tuesday afternoon for Lansing to spend the holidays visiting his parents, who reside there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Campbell arrived here today from Mt. Pleasant, to spend the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hanson.

You will all want a good cup of coffee for Xmas. Most people already know where to come and get it. They come to the Coffee & Tea Store, the little store around the corner.

The fifth annual New Year's party of the Loyal Order of Moose will be held at the usual time—January 1st. The committees are busy preparing for the occasion, and promise a nice party.

The dancing class at the Danish gymnasium next week will be changed from Monday night to Tuesday night at the usual hour. This is necessary because Christmas comes on Monday. J. Fred Alexander.

Those who care to take their Christmas dinner away from the family hearth will find a fine Christmas dinner consisting of turkey and all the good things that go with such a repast, at Shoppeagon's Inn.

About sixty people attended the Grayling Social club party last week Thursday night. The regular program of a six o'clock dinner, cards and dancing was followed out and as usual everybody had a good time.

Esbern Olson is putting in a shoe repair shop in the store building recently vacated by Mrs. Crowley's millinery store. He says that everything will be done by machinery and that work will be done while we wait, and that the plant will be complete in every detail.

Among those who are attending educational institutions and colleges from out of the city, the following have already arrived to enjoy the holiday vacation: Misses Clara Nelson and Leora Ellsworth, Ypsilanti Normal; Helen Bingham, Southern Seminary, Buena Vista, Virginia.

A fire in the home of Mrs. J. H. Fleming at Alma Tuesday spread so rapidly that its occupants had narrow escapes with their lives. Mrs. Fleming, her young son and several teachers were in the house. Two of the latter were injured slightly. Mrs. Fleming is the widow of the late Rev. Fleming, formerly of Grayling.

Arthur McIntyre and Tony Nelson have bot out the Fischer vulcanizing shop. Mr. McIntyre will leave soon for Akron, Ohio, where he will take a full course in tire repairing. They expect to be open for business about March 1st. Both these young men are hustlers and we have no doubt but that they will give their customers service and courteous treatment.

Theodore Leslie of the 31st Michigan Infantry, now stationed at Camp Cotton, El Paso, Texas, arrived here Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Leslie secured a 30 day furlough, and came to spend the holidays with his wife, who has been making her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Christofferson at Beaver Creek. Mrs. Leslie, before her marriage, was Miss Ingeborg Christofferson.

Right in the midst of the busy season, in spite of the rush, measures for new suits are arriving daily—no fit, no pay! The fact of the extraordinary fit the customer receives, means always an added customer to our list. There will be four or five new sample books from Chicago soon. Come in and see the samples and leave your order. Strangers are always specially invited to come to this store at all times.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gillette moved into their fine new home on Chestnut street Tuesday. The finishers have not quite finished the downstairs decorating but as Mr. and Mrs. Gillette were obliged to vacate the house they were occupying, they found it necessary to move in a little early. This is one of the new, modern homes built here this season, and has many features and conveniences, that add greatly to its comfort and beauty.

The K. of P. lodge have secured "Rejuvenation," a three act comedy, which will be presented at the Temple theatre on Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, 1917, by the Lyceum Players, starring Clara Vaughan Wales. She has appeared on lyceum and chautauqua courses in forty different states, and with her are a thoroughly professional cast. The play is well written and is very cleverly acted. "Rejuvenation" has been called the "Play of the Hour" and Clara Vaughan Wales takes the part of a suffragist. Don't forget the date. Further particulars next week.

Today is the shortest day of the year.

Don't fail to read my Xmas ad, Frank Dreese.

A. J. McInnis of Detroit spent Sunday with his wife here.

Christmas candies, 10 to 20 cents per pound, at Holiday's Bazaar.

If foodstuffs keep on soaring we will soon be calling it the high cost of starving.

The butchers of Europe keep right on butchering regardless of the number of squeals.

Stop joking about the price of leather. It's a distressingly serious matter in frosty weather.

If the newspapers of the country boosted their prices in proportion to the advance in other lines, wouldn't there be one mighty howl of protest?

You will find a big stock of Sterling silver at Hathaway's.

The annual K. of P. ball will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 7, in the High school gymnasium.

Floyd McClain has accepted a position at the M. C. yard office, commencing his duties Monday morning.

Wm. Hammond returned home this morning from Canada, where he attended the funeral of a brother.

If prices continue to advance it will soon be cheaper to ride in an automobile than to wear out shoe leather.

Christmas services will be held at St. Mary's church Christmas day, one mass at six o'clock and one at nine o'clock.

The first cold spell of the season came Thursday night when the thermometer registered ten degrees below zero.

After all a year's subscription of the Avalanche makes about as appreciative a Christmas gift as one could care for.

Misses Florence and Ruby Stephan, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan, are in Troy, Ohio, to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Ervin Hodge of Detroit came Monday to visit her parents and friends over the holidays. Mr. Hodge will arrive later.

See the "Battle Cry of Peace" at the Opera house, Christmas night, Dec. 25th. One of the most wonderful photo plays ever produced.

The Danish Lutheran Christmas tree will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 26th at Danebod hall. A Christmas program has been arranged.

Dr. S. N. Insley underwent a slight operation on his throat at Mercy hospital the fore part of the week, and was confined to the hospital for a couple of days. He is able to be out again.

John D. Brown, an ex-soldier, and father of Andrew Brown of Frederic, passed away very suddenly at the home of his son Tuesday of this week. The remains were taken to Lapeer for burial.

An investment of only 25 cents in our splendid magazine club offer will give you and your family a monthly income of enjoyment and instruction for a whole year. Let us show you these magazines.

Mrs. Wm. Pobursky and little daughter, Nadine of Detroit, arrived Saturday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Petersen over the holidays. Mr. Pobursky will arrive Saturday to spend Xmas here.

Because of the regular monthly meeting of the Board of trade coming on Christmas night, the meeting has been postponed to Wednesday night, January 17th. At this time will be held the regular annual meeting and election of officers.

Wm. Manse, who has been on parole from sentence by Judge Sharpe in the Circuit court of this county, had broken his parole and on orders from Judge Sharpe was again placed in jail to await the next term of Circuit court, January 8.

George Brott left last night for Tekonsha where he will spend the winter. Incidentally while taking a vacation he will, in his usual far-sighted, enterprising manner, probably dig up a few real estate deals and clean up a few hundreds in commissions.

Mrs. C. J. Hathaway and son, Milton will leave tomorrow for Orion, Mich. Mr. Hathaway will join them Sunday morning. There will be a Hathaway family reunion at the home of C. J.'s parents, who also at this time will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary.

A number of young ladies were guests of Miss Flora Hanson at her home last Friday evening, in honor of her birthday anniversary. Rev. and Mrs. Kjølhede were also present and the latter read a story, which proved very interesting. Miss Flora served a very delicious luncheon to those present.

Miss Elsa Charlotte Salling of this city, and Mr. John Wallace Pettit of Detroit, were united in marriage at the home of the groom's parents in Detroit, Friday, December 15. Mrs. Pettit is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salling of this city. She was born in Grayling and has made it her home from birth. Mr. Pettit lived here with his parents for many years. It was during their school days that the young people became acquainted, forming a friendship that has resulted in their happy marriage. Both stand high in the esteem of their friends and start out on the pathway of married life with bright prospects, backed up with hosts of loyal, well-wishing friends. Mr. Pettit is at present a book-keeper with a firm in Detroit. They will make their home in the latter city.

Frederic School Notes.

The school was closed down Tuesday on account of the furnace. One of the valves would not work.

The Christmas program will be given Saturday night at the Opera house. Every one is welcome.

The Shorthand class have covered all the principles in their books and are about to take up speed work.

Earl Wilcox is absent from school on account of illness.

Literary society meeting will begin shortly after New Years.

Monday morning exercises this week were conducted by Miss Paris.

The basketball game with West Branch Friday night was certainly exciting and fast. The score was 39 to 17 in our favor. The West Branch boys met defeat willingly and a supper was served after the game. Our boys play them Friday of this week.

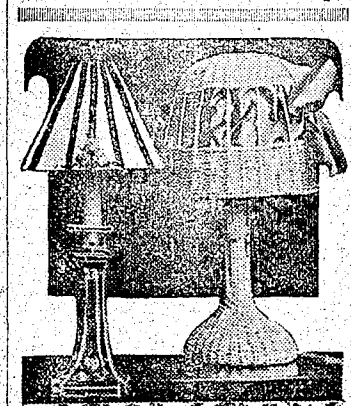
The "Man From Borneo" will be given at the Opera house Monday night, Dec. 25. Cast of Characters are as follows: Horacio B. Binns; Fred Binns, his downtrodden nephew—Liland Smook; Captain Wright of the Philippine army—Clyde McDermaid; Peter, sleepy servant—Arthur Callahan; Wild Man, from Borneo—Glen Cram; Olive, Fred's wife—Jessie Reynolds; Lizzie Dayton, her former chum—Flora Malco; Aunt Drusilla—Celia Callahan.

The Grayling boys' and girls' basketball teams will be here Jan. 5th. This will be a good game and everyone should turn out to see it. We have a strong team and so has Grayling.

Everyone having a high enough mark in any subject do not have to take the Semester examination.

An oratorical society has been organized in the High school. The members giving the best oration will receive \$5.00.

Xmas Candle and Lamps



Candles for the living room and dining room, for the dressing table are among the gifts that delight everybody. Among them are classed small electric lamps (often made to simulate the old-fashioned candle) which are used as a substitute for candles. Glass candlesticks prove easiest to keep clean and shining and are therefore the best choice for the dining room and the dressing room. Brass or gilded candlesticks, or those of mahogany, are liked for living rooms or the library.

It is the gay little shade that makes candlelight so fascinating. This year there are the usual silk shades in rose, or other colors, with gold lace and the tiniest silk flowers festooned on them, and shades of many other things. There are some wonderfully pretty shades made of paper and they include some novelties made of stiff paper as well as the popular and familiar crepe paper kinds.

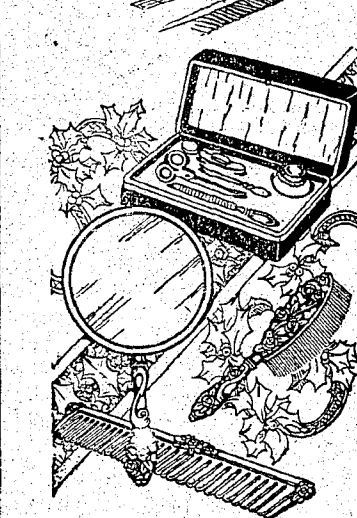
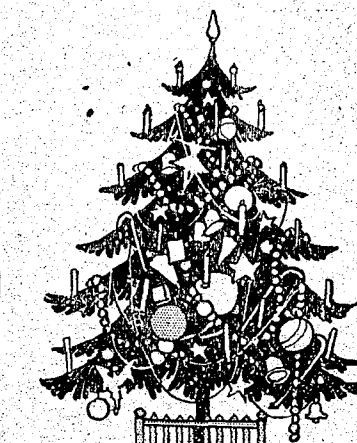
A bedroom candle, all ready to cast its soft glow on the dressing table, is shown at the left of the picture. It is made of thin, white cardboard or even thinner paper, with strips of black pasted on it. A cluster of three small roses and fine foliage, made of colored sealing wax decorates the shade in two places. The candlestick is of glass and the shade holder slips over the top of the candle supporting a mica protector for the paper shade as well as the shade.

At the right a pretty little lamp is made for the same purpose as the candle. It is all of paper rope and wire. The stand and shade are white and both have small bluebirds of happiness (made of sealing wax) pictured in flight across them. An unwoven space is left in the shade for a blue satin ribbon, which is strung through it and tied in a bow. The lamp is fitted with a small electric bulb at the top.

Lamps made in the same way for the living room are of brown or green paper rope with any color in the ribbon, and decorations that may be flowers or birds or figures. A chain attached to the lamp turns the light on or off.



THE CHRISTMAS STORE



Furniture, Rugs, China,

Glassware, Books, Toilet Sets, Mirrors, Pictures,

Games and Toys of all descriptions.

IN FACT THIS IS THE REAL SHOPPING HEADQUARTERS

We give real values for right prices. You are cordially invited to come in and

See Our Holiday Selections

Good Furniture

Strongly appeals to people of intelligence and refinement. This store gives its patrons the widest possible range of selection. An easy rocker or a work table for mother, chair or smoking stand for father, music cabinet or desk for the daughter, bookcase for the son and many other appropriate gift pieces.

For gifts that are decidedly popular and pleasing see our line of

Books, Toilet Sets, Pictures and Novelties

Our carefully selected display of Holiday attractions will impress you with its worth, beauty and reasonable prices.

TOYS Displayed on Screens Makes Shopping Easy

Everybody knows that goods well displayed saves time. Call at our store and see how we have solved this problem for you.

Everything For the Little Tots

are shown here. Dolls, Stuffed Animals, Rattles, Balls, Picture Books, Blocks, Paints, Tinker Toys, Erectors, Games, Banks, Iron Toys and most anything the child could wish for.

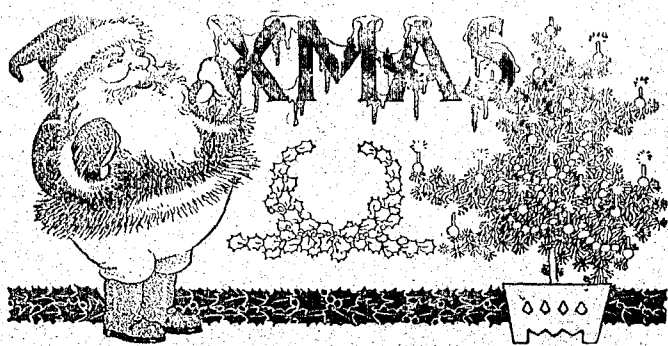
You will get new ideas as you look through our Holiday Stock. It is a practical demonstration of possibilities in gathering under one roof a selection that meets the wants of everybody

AGAIN WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT OUR STORE

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The Home of Dependable Furniture

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN



AT THIS TIME of the year the question comes up, "What will I give for Christmas presents." Among the many things offered you by the merchants of Grayling we want to add those we have in our store—things that gladden the heart and also fill the bill for economy, convenience and comfort.



From a pair of elegant scissors to a bright and shiny heating stove or range, may be found awaiting your selection. We just want to suggest a few articles that come to our mind as we are writing this advertisement.

Aluminum Cooking Utensils

The best, most sanitary and easiest cleaned and handled ware made, and lasts longest.

A full line of Graniteware

Nickle Plated Copper Coffee Pots and Tea Kettles

Elegant carving sets—should be on every dining table.

Christmas cutlery—pocket knives, etc.

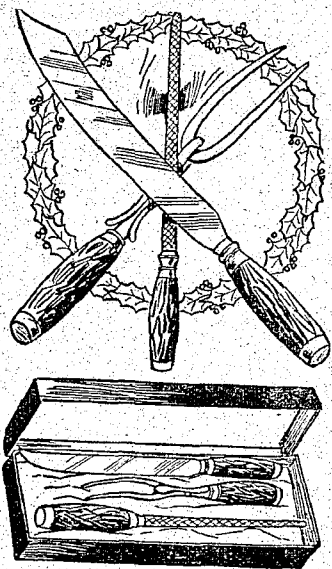
Silverware—many staple and fancy articles.

Shaving and Manicure sets.

Sleds, Skates, Skis, Air guns and light rifles.

Stoves and Ranges in Garlands Florence and Florence Hot Blast.

Fireless Cookers, and many other things that will make elegant and acceptable presents.

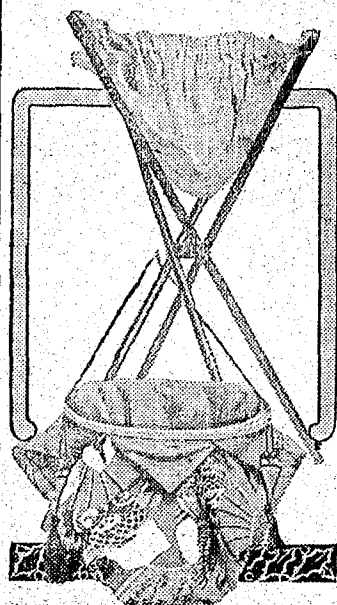


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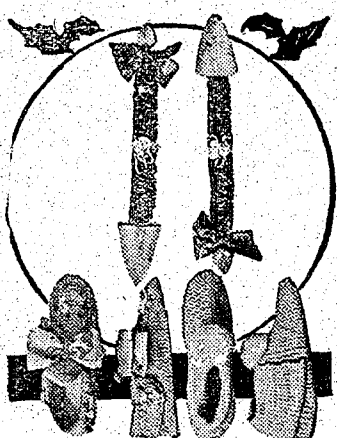


Every bedroom needs some sort of receptacle to hold anything that is to be disposed of temporarily. Here are two bags conveniently open, inviting to an orderly disposition of small articles. Either of them will serve the purpose of a waste basket and one of them—the bag at the bottom of the picture—is designed especially for a man's room. They are both very easy to make.

At the top, a bag, which may be of silk or cretonne, is made by gathering a square of the goods along the hem. A brass ring is sewed to the bag (formed by the gathering) at each corner. This bag is supported by a standard made of four rods of wood fastened by screws to a small circular block of wood. The screws make the rods movable, so that the bag may be folded up and made to occupy a small space when not in use.

The bag at the bottom of the picture is also made of a square. It is of printed Japanese cotton lined with plain silk. When the two materials have been sewed together the four points of the square are turned over the smaller of two oval embroidery hoops, and the second hoop is placed over it. A Japanese tassel, on a silk cord, is placed at each side. The cords, caught between the hoops, form the hangers by which the bag is suspended from a hook or from any convenient support. Japanese prints come in designs of strong, bold colorings, and are artistic and attractive.

Slippers and Shoe Trees



Cozy bedroom slippers will make their many recipients happy and more comfortable this Christmas, as they have every Christmas for years without number. They are among the gifts that are always welcome, and every member of the family, old or young, counts upon a pair of them as among the bounties of Santa Claus.

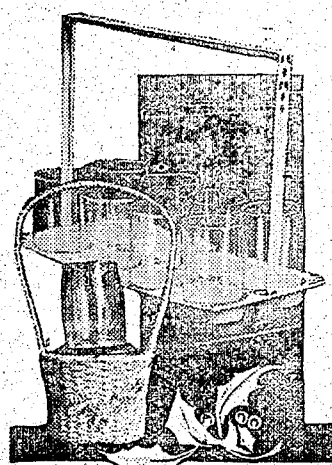
There are some new developments among knitted and crocheted slippers. A pair of beautiful ones shown in the picture is knitted of gray yarn and set on to soles padded with quilted satin in rose color. On the toe there is set a pretty knitted rose, and two roses like it are placed at each side of the heel, where an extension of the back of the slipper turns down. At the instep a bow of rose-colored satin ribbon is slipped through a knitted strap. This is an alluringly pretty slipper that may be made in other color combinations to suit it to older or younger wearers.

A second pair is knitted of light brown yarn and has elderdown lined soles of leather. Quite a deep extension is knitted at the back, which may be turned up about the ankles. These are appropriate slippers for men as well as women, and are decorated with small silk pompons.

A pair of wooden shoe-trees makes a most acceptable gift for either men or women. In the picture the spring of the shoe-tree is covered with yellow satin ribbon shirred over it. The ribbon is tied in a small bow at the heel of the shoe and the toe is painted with gold paint. If the trees are to be given to a woman three tiny chiffon or ribbon roses may be set on the shirred ribbon, but for a man this frivolous touch is omitted.

Everyone needs several pairs of shoe-trees, so they are always sure to please those who receive them. They may be made in sets of three or four pairs.

Gifts Every Woman Likes



A lemonade and a water server are among the pretty and easily made gifts that every woman will like to receive.

At the top of the picture above, an attractive lemonade server is made of an ordinary set of tin muffin rings, to which the tinsmith has added a handle.

The server is painted with white or blue or other colored paint and allowed to dry. Flowers or leaves cut from printed paper napkins are then glued to it at each corner, at the sides and along the center. Finally a coat of shellac is brushed all over the server. When this dries the server is ready for a set of thin glasses.

A small basket makes the water server, which carries a water bottle with a glass turned over its neck. The basket is first painted white and allowed to dry. Then it is decorated with a festoon of roses and leaves made of white sealing wax and tinted with paints—the roses pink and the foliage green. Finally the basket is varnished with shellac.

Cough Medicine for Children.

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottsville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbutt, N. Y., I doctored two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing, and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

Try a package of Dr. Hawley's Kidney tablets. For sale at the A. M. Lewis drug store.

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APPROPRIATE PRESENTS

Your Xmas Patronage We Are After You

We are out for your Christmas trade, and intend to get it if we can. It is impossible to enumerate in this limited space the many inducements we offer you to favor us with your trade. A few only must suffice here.

Cheerful and courteous attention to all
A full dollar's value for every dollar you spend
Absolute truth as to quality of goods
A large and varied stock to select from
The very latest creations in all lines

We have many other arguments to advance toward securing your trade, but we wish to see you face to face to present them. Come in and let us convince you that this is the store that caters to your interests.

Xmas Suggestions that are Worth While:



Candies

In candies we carry a full line of the well-known
Morse's Candies and
Johnson's Candies

We have these in bulk and in packages ranging in price from 25c to \$5 each.

Smokers' Articles

The finest line of domestic and imported cigars in Grayling, and always in prime condition.

All kinds of Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos, in the popular packages and in jars. Fragrant Briar Pipes, Meerchaum Pipes and other standard varieties.

Better place your orders for cigars early as some brands are hard to get. We will lay them aside until you want them.



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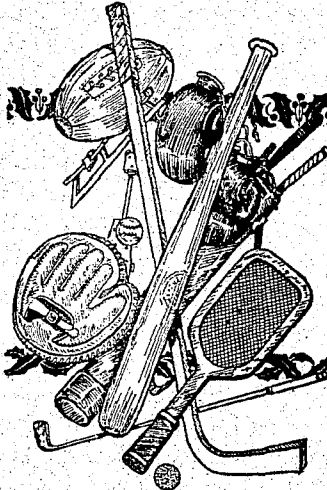
All Styles and Prices

Foot Balls Basket Balls Base Balls
Gloves, Mitts and Bats Tennis Raquets
Flash Lights Knives Sweaters

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Sporting Goods

Make the boys and girls happy Christmas by giving them some of these health and pleasure-giving athletic goods. Here are a few for your consideration.



Fountain Drinks and Ice Cream

While down town shopping just remember to come in and enjoy some of our fountain drinks—cold or hot. Also remember that your Christmas dinner will not be complete without some of our World's Best Ice Cream. Place orders for Brick Ice Cream for Christmas on or before December 21st.

The above are but a few things that we have to offer for Christmas shoppers. We want you to come in and look, feeling assured you will find here many things that will be "just what you want."

Olaf Sorenson & Sons

Kirstin Stump Puller

One Man — Horse Power

Land clearing is not the time consuming, money consuming, back breaking, heart breaking, never ending job it once was, if you get a Kirstin to do the work.

The Kirstin Method guarantees a saving of 10% to 50% over any other method of land clearing. The Kirstin Method gets rid of your stumps after they are pulled. No stump is too big for the Kirstin Horse Power Puller. Its mighty strength is irresistible because of its triple power and other exclusive Kirstin features. It will clear more than two acres at one setting without strain to man, horse or machine. It has been a leader for 21 years.

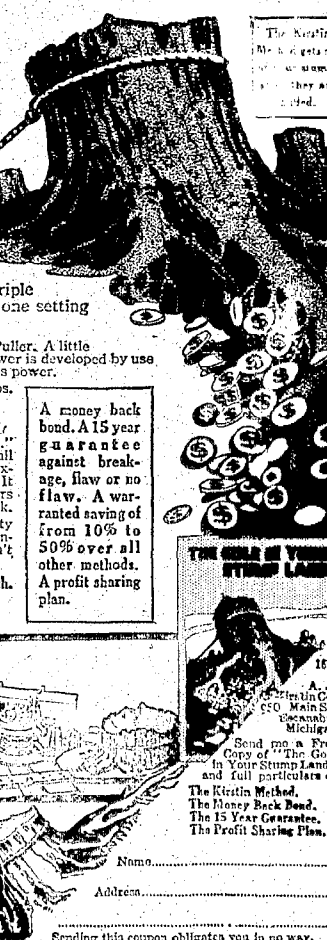
One man without horses can pull the biggest stumps, too, with the Kirstin One Man Stump Puller. A little push on the handle gives tons of pull on the stump. This enormous power is developed by use of double leverage. It gives an ordinary 17-year-old farm boy a giant's power.

Learn how the Kirstin Method provides

The Quickest, Easiest and Best Way to Clear Land
Send today for our New Free Book, "The Gold in Your Stump Land." It gives valuable information on all kinds of land clearing. It tells all about the Kirstin line of pullers—most complete in the world—and explains Kirstin Service, forever free to all owners of Kirstin Machines. It has many photographs of stumps, but the Kirstin has pulled, and letters from men who pulled them. Don't buy a puller until you read this book.

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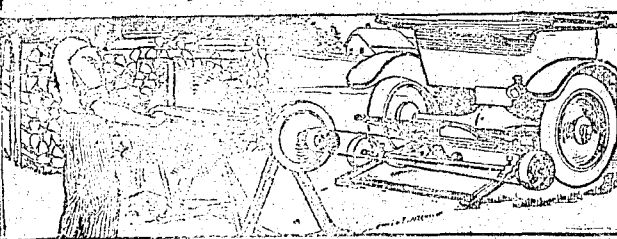
Runs Hay Press—Ensilage Cutter—Pea and Clover Huller—Rice and Grist Mill—Corn Sheller—Fanning Mill—Elevator—Buzz Saw—Milk Separator—Cider Press—Washing Machine—Pump Jack—Irrigating Pump—Sprayer—Concrete Mixer. **Does not wear tires**—there is no slipping or friction—just like running on smooth roadbed.

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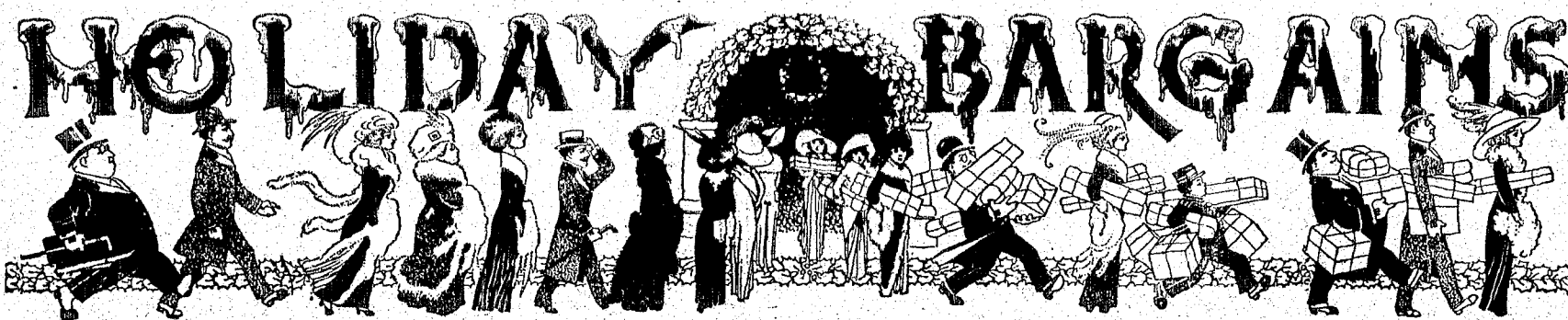
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School Notes

Byron W. King, Jan. 10.
Our schools close tomorrow for a vacation of two weeks.
Ruth Shellenbarger has left school and is working in Lansing.
Listen to the Christmas bells. Also listen for wedding bells.
The first grade children have just learned "Baby's Stocking."
The Christmas story is the general thought for the first grade this week. Another thought emphasized is "It is the loving and the giving that make a life worth living."

We are indebted to the Avalanche each week for a copy of the "Country Gentleman." It is a very good addition to our reading table.

Our teachers will practically all leave town for the Christmas vacation. They will be distributed almost "from Maumee Bay to Keweenaw" as follows: Miss Wells, Benton Harbor; Miss Loss, Vassar; Miss Martin, Homer; Miss McGregor and Mrs. Burritt, Detroit; Miss McLain, Jonesville; Miss Andrus, Harbor Springs; Miss Ferrara, Ypsilanti; Miss Lockwood, Harrison; Miss Rowe, Sterling; Miss Shier, Wolverine; Miss Ryker, Maple City; the Misses Clark, Ithaca; Miss Campbell, Newberry; Miss Force, Attica; Mr. Bundgaard, Grant; Mr. Ball, Hillsdale.

We are all to observe Christmas Friday afternoon. The first grade and the sixth grade will each have a tree. The second, third, fourth and fifth grades will combine and have their tree and exercises in the gymnasium. Appropriate programs will be rendered. We are indebted to Mr. Fehr, Mr. Robinson and Tony Nelson for providing the trees.

The first home games of the basketball season were played last Friday evening, Dec. 15. The All-City boys played the High school boys and the All-City girls played the High school girls. The boys' game resulted in a score of 42 to 13 in favor of the High school. In the girls' game the All-City girls won with a score of 8 to 5. Both games were good ones. At the end of the first half in the girls' game the High school was one point ahead, but the last half the All-City scored 4 points and the High school were unable to make a single point.

Special line of candy for Xmas trade. Holiday's Bazaar.

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JUST TOO BUSY TO WRITE AN AD LAST WEEK

It sounds funny, doesn't it? Nevertheless it is true. I am a little late, but watch me. I certainly have many good things that you are looking for. They are now on exhibition. This store has many attractions in the way of Chinaware and many other things that are impossible to get at the price they will be sold at this store. The old saying "Better late than never" comes in quite exceptable at this time. Parents bring your children by all means to this store. A thousand and one things that will make you a merry Xmas and your hearts glad. Rejoice and be glad and thankful for what you have and can get when the nations abroad are experiencing at this time such serious calamities with their shortage reverses and and high prices. Come early and keep coming. Get the habit.

This is the time of year when everybody gets busy to please the family and children. That's why I missed that big ad—too busy to prepare.

PREPAREDNESS

Yes, I again entreat you this Xmas to visit my store. In spite of high prices and scarcity of goods I am going to help make this a banner Xmas.

Handkerchiefs

Ladies' and children's handkerchiefs 3, 5, 8, 10, 15 and 25c; are useful presents for holidays. Notice this attraction a few days before Christmas—the Handkerchief window exclusive. Also showing a full line of Men's Handkerchiefs.

Lace Collars

Ladies' Lace Collars and Lace Bonnets at 25, 38 and 50c—elaborate line. Silk headthrows, also a line of wool fascinators, black and white, 35 and 50c, are useful if not ornamental.

Hosiery

Ladies' cotton and silk hosiery always an exceptable present, especially at this time when prices are soaring higher.



Champaign, black, gray and white at 36c, 50c and \$1.00. Angora knit toques and scarfs to match. Colors—white, green, grays, tans, \$1.00, actually worth \$1.50 at the present writing.

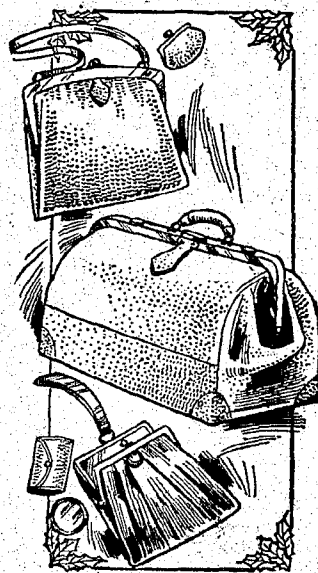
Ladies' Cloaks

Ladies, as the mid-winter season advances this is the time to get your cloaks. These make a very acceptable present. Consist of plushes, velour, wide skirt effect and beautifully trimmed. Prices from \$8.85 to \$25.00. As the stock is unusually large at this time, I wish to announce I am going to inaugurate a little cut and slash on these garments to make things move a little more rapidly during the holiday season. To the small or extremely large, this is a good time to come in and talk it over during the holidays, and get the benefit of a low price.

A few ladies very attractive suits, in the late shades that I am offering you at a cut price. It would be well for you to examine them.

Handbags

Beautiful line of ladies handbags from 98c to \$2.50. The latest designs in leather.



Towels

Turkish towels, fancy borders, 25c and 50c, useful as well as ornamental. A few pieces of table Damask I wish to close out at a sacrifice.

Ribbon

Holiday ribbon 10c per bolt, also extra qualities in holiday ribbon in wrapping boxes, 5 and 10c per yard.

Ladies' and Gents, Handbags

Ladies' and gent's, handbags, blacks and browns, also suit cases. A good line just received to select from. Very useful as a present.

Party Slippers and Shoes

Beautiful line of party slippers, Hawaiian brown, black and grays; also the white satin slippers. Shoes, latest styles shown. All the late shades in two-tones, high cuts, lace, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$5.85. These shoes were hot early and competition cannot beat me on these prices.
Ladies Felt Slippers.

Holiday Suspenders

To the men: Nice line of Holiday Suspenders, Ties and Hose supporters in Xmas boxes, making a very acceptable present—25, 35 and 50c.

Slippers

Holiday slippers in velvet and leather for the men, make a very useful present, prices ranging as last year.

Scarf pins, cuff buttons and links, very pretty designs for 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

Shoes

No better or complete line shown from Bay City to Grayling than this store shows. Prices that are backed up by quality.

Overcoats

Black Kersey, Astrikan trimmed, worth \$15.00, for \$11.85.

Mackinaws and Caps

A few boys' Mackinaws, fancy plaids, \$3.45 and \$3.68. Make a very useful present.
Men's and boys' caps, 50c to 75c and \$1.00.

Men's Ties

Men's ties 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c. Are all values that can hardly be duplicated.

Busy shoppers do not wait until the last moment to purchase your goods. Goods laid away by making a small payment on them.

Dishes and Toys

China dishes, celery trays, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Beautiful decorated fruit dishes, China cups and saucers, also numerous things consisting of drums, play trunks, teddy bears, China dolls and doll heads and linen A B C blocks.

Rugs and Aprons

Fancy floor rugs \$1.40 and \$1.98.
Fancy muslin aprons, embroidered and lace trimmed.

To Those Who Have Fur To Sell

I think I am safe in saying I have had the largest shipment that has been sent out of Grayling this year at one time. I will pay you the highest market price for the same from this on. Those having furs to sell for the holidays bring them in and you will receive liberal offers.

Wash Waists

Ladies' wash waists, voiles, embroidered, lace trimmed, from 75c to \$1.25.



Beautiful line of silk waists just received from New York—special for the holidays, Georgette crepe, white, flesh color, lemon, also the late satin stripes, very popular. Sizes are complete. Prices from \$2.69 to \$5.00. Delicate designs and elaborately trimmed.

Baby Coats

Mothers, here is a chance to make a selection from white corduroy and corded coats for your baby at \$2.45 and \$2.98. For the older children I have a few from the ages of 5 to 14, in velvets, baby lamb, Astrikan and basket weaves, light and dark shades, from \$1.98 to \$3.98.

Notice

Would advise early trading. Articles once sold can not be duplicated in most cases.

As this is my third Christmas in Grayling and am trying to make this the Santa Claus headquarters. Wish you one and all a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

I am yours to please,

Frank Dreese

Lemon Colored Store (but mind you not a lemon) on the hill opposite the jail, Grayling, Michigan